UNITY4KIDS, INC.

2025–2026 IMPACT REPORT

Faith that unites, hope that inspires, impact that lasts!

In 2025–2026, Unity4Kids continued its mission of providing immediate relief and long-term connections for families in crisis across Rockbridge County, Virginia. Below is a full account of the lives touched through our collaborative community efforts.

Crisis Intervention & Housing Support

Homelessness Relief

- **Mother of Four:** Partnered with Appalachian Homeless Assistance to provide shelter for a mother and her four children.
- **Local Family:** Provided clothes and holiday support for a local family.
- **Family of Seven:** Provided clothes and holiday support for a local family of seven.

Domestic Violence Advocacy

- **Mother in Emergency Housing:** Provided formula and diapers to a mother and her baby in emergency hotel lodging.
- **Survivor in Crisis:** Supported a domestic violence survivor with food, bedding, and resource navigation.
- **Project Horizon — Young Boy:** Delivered a soothing comfort bag to a young boy at Project Horizon, successfully reducing his anxiety.
- **Project Horizon — Young Mother:** A young mother in Project Horizon reached out for assistance for herself and her young son. We gathered clothes for both of them and took groceries to her.

Fire Recovery

- **Two Families:** Supplied two families with clothing and emergency essentials following the loss of their homes.
- **Collierstown Housefire:** Helped a family with clothes and shoes for the children following a house fire in Collierstown.

Rental & Utility Assistance

- **Single Mother — Past-Due Rent:** Secured past-due rent through RARA (Rockbridge Area Relief Association).
- **Single Mother — Utilities & Phone:** Paid essential utilities and provided a phone for a single mother without one, helping her regain communication.

- **Family Facing Foreclosure:** Issued emergency funds to prevent foreclosure for a family following a spouse's disability.
- **Meal Recipient — Water Bill:** When delivering a meal to a new VPAS Meals on Wheels referral, she shared that her water was about to be cut off. We paid her water bill so it would not be shut off. She cried because she was so happy.
- **Grandparent-Led Household:** Paid an electric bill ($350) for a grandparent raising one grandchild in the home.
- **Mother of a Young Child:** Paid a water bill for a mother with a five-year-old son.
- **Single Mother — Utility Bills:** Paid utility bills for a single mother in need.
- **Mother of Five — Unsafe Housing:** Helped a mother and her five children move out of a rat-infested trailer. We paid their first month's rent, helped them get furniture, and are supplying the family with regular meals.

Family & Kinship Support

Kinship & Single Parenting

- **Single Father:** Assisted a single father with beds and bedding for his toddlers.
- **Grandmother Caregiver:** Supported a grandmother with formula, diapers, and medical essentials for the grandchildren in her care.
- **Grandmother Caregiver:** Supported a second grandmother with formula, diapers, and medical essentials for the grandchildren in her care.

Maternal & Youth Wellness

- **Newborn Family:** Outfitted a family with complete newborn items.
- **Haircuts for Five Children:** Provided haircuts for five children.
- **Pregnant Young Woman:** A young woman who is pregnant had no supplies. We provided diapers, wipes, bibs, towels, blankets, bottles, pacifiers, and shoes.
- **Pregnant Mother with Disabled Son:** Helped a mother with a disabled son who is also pregnant again. We gave her baby supplies and wipes.
- **Young Mothers:** Helped several young mothers with needed baby items throughout the year.

Comprehensive Family Assistance

- **Family of Six (and Counting):** Facilitated a vehicle acquisition, rent coverage, and school supplies for a family expecting their sixth child, bridging connections to CarePortal and The Community Table. Purchased milk and other food for the kids on numerous occasions. Provided information on RATS and Maury Express for public transportation.
- **Single Mother Relocating:** A single mother was moving from Glasgow. We helped her pay the deposit on her new apartment and donated the furniture she needed to make it a home.
- **Family in Transition:** Got furniture for a family with one child who was moving.
- **Foster Family:** A family was placed with a foster child on very short notice. We supplied them with baby items, a baby bath, and a pack and play — so the child arrived to a ready, welcoming home.

- **Infant Fleeing Domestic Abuse:** A young father left a domestic abuse situation with his infant son, with nothing. We supplied clothes, food, water, toys, diapers, and formula for the family.

Youth Protection & Empowerment

- **Child Abuse Survivor:** Partnered with the Rockbridge County Sheriff's Office to enroll a child abuse survivor in the 'Shop With a Cop' program.
- **Maury River Middle School:** Provided pads, tampons, socks, underwear, and clothes closet supplies for young girls at Maury River Middle School.
- **Headstart TAP Program:** During the snow/ice storm in early 2026, purchased emergency food for families with children in the Headstart TAP Program.
- **Headstart Diapers:** Delivered diapers (sizes 2 and 3) and wipes to Headstart.
- **Autistic Teen:** Two pairs of size-11 sneakers were given to an autistic teen working at Covington Food Lion.
- **Mother with Autistic Child — Hotel:** A mother with three children, one of whom is autistic, is living in a hotel. We paid for a week's stay.

Medical & Hospice Support

Cancer Care

- **Cancer Patient:** Delivered Cancer Care Bags and nutritious meals to a local cancer patient.
- **Oncology Patients:** Provided specialized items for nausea and spiritual health to oncology patients.
- **Cancer Patient — Ongoing Support:** Assisted a cancer patient with fuel, food, and property maintenance during treatment. Provided information on fuel and rent assistance.
- **Cancer Patient, Age 40:** A 40-year-old woman with tongue cancer that has metastasized to her lungs has had multiple surgeries. We provided a cancer comfort bag and deliver regular meals to her and her family.
- **Five Cancer Patients:** We have delivered meals to five cancer patients. Two have gone into remission and no longer need meals.
- **Cancer Comfort Bags:** We have delivered 40 cancer comfort bags to patients in our community.

Chronic Illness Support

- **Mother with Multiple Sclerosis:** Provided food and clothing for a mother of three battling Multiple Sclerosis.
- **Patient in Need:** Secured a hot water heater and food for a patient via the Rockbridge Area Health Center.
- **Hot Water Heater:** Helped replace a hot water heater for a family with three children.

End-of-Life & Recovery Care

- **Hospice Family:** Connected a family with local caregivers to support their mother during her time in Hospice.
- **Rockbridge Recovery Resident:** Two pairs of shoes and a coat were given to a new female resident of Rockbridge Recovery, who arrived to detox without any.

Stories of Impact

These stories reflect the faces behind the numbers — real people in our community whose lives were changed through the generosity of Unity4Kids' donors, volunteers, and partners.

An Elderly Woman — A Piece of Bologna

When delivering dinner to an elderly dementia patient, we found that her dinner was a piece of rolled-up bologna that she took out of her pocket. That moment reminded us why every meal we deliver matters deeply.

A New Referral — A Birthday She Won't Forget

We delivered dinner to a new meal referral and brought along a donated birthday cake from Kroger — the only cake we had that day. She later told us it happened to be her birthday on the very first day we delivered her meal. Her family was upset because they couldn't afford a cake. But we showed up with one, unknowingly, on her birthday.

A Meal Recipient — Her Water Was About to Be Cut Off

When delivering a meal to a new VPAS Meals on Wheels referral, she shared that she had been in a severe car accident and was struggling to make ends meet. Her water was due to be cut off and she was very upset about not being able to pay it. We paid her water bill so it would not be shut off. She cried because she was so happy.

A Family of Six (and Counting)

A mother with five kids is pregnant with another child and has been running short on funds. We purchased milk and other food for the kids on numerous occasions, facilitated a vehicle acquisition, covered rent, and provided school supplies — while connecting her family to CarePortal and The Community Table.

A Cancer Patient, Age 40

A 40-year-old woman referred to us has tongue cancer that has metastasized to her lungs and has undergone multiple surgeries. We provided her with a cancer comfort bag and deliver regular meals to her and her family.

A Young Woman Starting Over

A young woman who was homeless was starting a new job. We supplied her with hygiene products and work-appropriate clothes so she could begin her new chapter with confidence.

An Infant Escaping Danger

A young father left a domestic abuse relationship with his infant son, leaving with nothing. We supplied the family with clothes, food, water, toys, diapers, and formula.

A Pregnant Young Woman — Ready for Baby

A young woman who is pregnant had no supplies at all. We gave her diapers, wipes, bibs, towels, blankets, bottles, pacifiers, and shoes — giving her a foundation to welcome her baby.

A Single Mother — A Fresh Start

A single mother was moving from Glasgow and needed a hand getting settled. We helped her pay the deposit on her new apartment and donated the furniture she needed to make it a home.

Foster Family — Called Without Warning

A family was placed with a foster child on very short notice. They reached out to us and we supplied them with baby items, a baby bath, and a pack and play — so the child arrived to a ready and welcoming home.

A Mother of Five — Out of Unsafe Housing

A mother and her five children were living in a rat-infested trailer. We helped them move out, paid their first month's rent, assisted with furniture, and are now supplying the family with regular meals.

Project Horizon — Comfort for a Child

A young mother and her son were staying at Project Horizon. She needed clothes, food, and snacks for her son. We gathered clothes for both of them, brought groceries, and delivered a comfort bag to her son that successfully reduced his anxiety.

Maury River Middle School Girls

We provided pads, tampons, socks, underwear, and clothes closet supplies for young girls at Maury River Middle School. No student should have to worry about basic needs at school.

Snow Storm 2026 — Headstart Families

During the snow and ice storm in early 2026, Unity4Kids purchased emergency food for families with children in the Headstart TAP Program, ensuring that even in the harshest weather, no child went hungry.

A Mother with an Autistic Child — Hotel Living

A mother with three children, one of whom is autistic, is living in a hotel. We paid for a week's stay, providing stability and relief for the whole family.

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