

Living in her car, S.R. and her children needed help, fast!

The temperature dropped quickly, and the rain was pouring down. Another cold front was ushering in the fall. While the leaves were turning, S.R. and her children were huddled in her car, not able to enjoy the changing colors.

S.R. was fleeing domestic violence. When she left her home, she took nothing. While living in her car, S.R. felt hopeless and lost. She had almost given up and had no idea how to get out of her situation.

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The United Way of Pierce County was there to provide that lifeline. The 211 Call Center, and its navigators, were able to help find the resources S.R. needed to get a roof over her and her children's heads.

S.R. wrote that “because of them, I have a head start toward the life I want to give my children and myself. My children and I will forever be thankful for everyone in this life-saving organization that has helped us through our storms.”

This is the Bold Goal: To lift 15,000 families out of poverty by 2028.

Your donations have made a huge impact in working to achieve this goal!

The United Way of Pierce County is rooted in partnerships that help bring people from all walks of life together, improving conditions for children, families and individuals.

- In 2022, 211 helped connect over [80,000?] contacts with critical resources
- Integral to this program were ground navigators who were experts in behavioral health, basic food, housing and early learning
- 211 continues to be one of the most visited pages on the United Way of Pierce County website

It's important to acknowledge that our country has had challenges over the past year – and those challenges may have changed your focus for a while. But we implore you to help our community extend the hand of compassion to those less fortunate. YOU are our hope. Thank you.

With gratitude,

Dona Ponepinto
President and Chief Executive Officer
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P.S. Please use the return envelope to make your donation today! Or, donate online at <https://www.uwpc.org/give>. In doing so, you help make a lasting change in our community, **BOLDLY** lifting families out of poverty.