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**United Way Application for Funding Now Available**

~ Volunteers Needed for Community Investment Panels ~

**FORT PIERCE, FL** – The applications for general and Stanich Grant funding from United Way of St. Lucie County are now available online at [www.unitedwayslc.org](http://www.unitedwayslc.org). Once all applications are submitted, volunteers from the community will be needed to serve as members of the Community Investment Panel.

The annual application for general and Stanich Grant funding is open to all 501(c)(3) health and human services organizations. General funding is awarded to those programs that address one of the three focus areas: 1) education 2) income and 3) health.

Stanich Grants are one-time grants for programs and projects that impact and enrich the lives of children and youth ages 0 -18. This year's Stanich Grant focus will be dental health for school-aged children.

The deadline for this year's application is Monday, March 8th at 4:00pm in the United Way office. All applications submitted will be reviewed by panels of volunteers through the months of April and May. Final funding decisions will be made by the United Way Board of Directors and made public the first week of June.

United Way will also need 75 volunteers to be a part of the Community Investment process. These volunteers will take part in a two-hour panel orientation on March 26th and then work on a panel of their choice for two consecutive days from 8:00am-2:00pm. During this time, members will review applications, conduct site visits, and hear presentations from agencies requesting funds from United Way of St. Lucie County. Participating in the community investment panel is a time-limited but very rewarding experience.

For more information on the application process or to become a member of a Community Investment Panel, please contact Cris Adams, Vice President of Community Impact, at 772-464-5300 or [cris.adams@unitedwayslc.org](mailto:cris.adams@unitedwayslc.org).

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