#1 Our Mission

Empowering immigrants and others to become self-sufficient, productive and civically engaged.

Key Program Areas
- Education
- Economic Development
- Civic Engagement
- Health

Established in 1982
34 YEARS of service

96 cents of every $1 goes to programs

70% of Clients hail from Latin Nations and the Caribbean

Clients from 25 different countries
Economic Development

Center for Working Families (CWF):
500+ families moved toward self-sufficiency
- 79% of participants acquired employment or a better job
- 87% of employed participants reduced debt and/or improved credit scores within 12 months

Emerging Entrepreneurs (EE):
Partnering with Broward SCORE, helped clients create their own jobs/further their business plans
- 270 learned how to start/strengthen their small business
- 300+ participated in the 2015 Entrepreneur Summit

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)/Free Tax Preparation:
Increased income for working families and added dollars to our local economy
- Secured $5.74M in tax refunds back to Broward County
- 5,513 clients received FREE tax preparation
- For the first time, HUF managed the entire county-wide marketing effort for the VITA program in Broward

Civic Engagement

Citizenship Classes and Legal Assistance:
Assisted thousands to help them become U.S. Citizens and live their American Dream
- 1,401 assisted with U.S. Citizenship and Naturalization
- 700+ clients became new American Citizens
- 297 of the 1,401 clients attended USCIS/HUF’s Pathways to Citizenship intensive classes
- 100+ clients received FREE legal services through Legal Aid Service of Broward County

English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL):
Assisted students in becoming acculturated and more economically sound
- 900+ learned English via ESOL Classes

Health & Family Care

Health and Family Care:
Helped individuals and families save on healthcare costs and lead healthier lives

Health Marketplace (ACA):
- 247 clients purchased a Qualified Health Plan
- An annual savings of $1,494,609 in healthcare costs

Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP):
- Served 1,591 clients in Broward/Miami-Dade
- Clients learned to prepare healthy meals on a budget

Meet One of Our Citizenship Program Donors:

“As a company focused on supporting meaningful programs that drive stronger families in our communities, we value our long-term partnership with Hispanic Unity of Florida. They work side by side with their families to educate and empower them by creating pathways toward independence and self-sufficiency.

We have every confidence in their leadership team and are inspired by their committed staff. Hispanic Unity is making a real difference in our community one life at a time.”

Colin Brown
JM Family Enterprises, Inc.
Education

Unity 4Kids (U4K) Five-Star Preschool:
Prepared our next generation of successful citizens
• 31 preschoolers provided with early childhood education
• 100% of preschoolers ready for Kindergarten

Launched Family Strengthening Program Pilot
• 86 (48 children and 38 parents) served via Family Strengthening Program pilot
• Secured expanded pilot funding to serve 60 families per year for four years

Unity 4Teens:
Provided youth with the tools to obtain social, academic and/or career success

Middle Schools
• 92% of youth improved grades or attendance
• 100% of youth did not obtain new law violations

High Schools
• 85% of youth improved reading; and 84% science scores
• 100% decreased external suspensions or had none
• 100% of seniors accepted into college and 33% received $200K in scholarships

Advocacy & More

Increased awareness about HUF, our funders, partners and the community
• NCLR 2015 Southeast Affiliate of the Year
• Earned Silver designation by GuideStar
• Began strategic plan to support mission expansion
• 300+ attended HUF’s 4th Annual Entrepreneur

Legal Assistance

Helped to provide necessary legal counsel and assistance to clients at no cost
• 100+ clients received FREE legal services via HUF partner, Legal Aid Service of Broward County
Meet Moises: Unity 4Teens Client

“I did not speak English and I was a person who was bullied a lot because of my accent, my weight and the way I looked...I would like to say thank you for all the help Hispanic Unity and HUF counselors provided me with - they shaped me into the person I am today”

Meet Anyela: Center for Working Families Client

"...[because of HUF’s] huge effort to motivate and support thousands of people and families who - like me - arrived in this country with nothing more than a pile of dreams and projects that are inaccessible for many of us...Thank God, I can now say that many of my dreams became reality."
Meet One of Our Program Donors:

"George Bernard Shaw said that we are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by the responsibility for our future. HUF's commitment to our youth is based on two solid principles:

1) Youth are our future
2) Life does not wait for us to get our act together

HUF's commitment is our responsibility. We must guide. We must mentor. We must provide a beacon of light to the next generation. The time to do so is now. The future is at hand."

Hyram Montero
Montero Law Center

Meet Two of Our Unity 4Kids Program Donors:

"A proper education is one of the most meaningful indicators of future success and is required to reach ones potential in life. Studies have repeatedly shown that the easiest and most affordable way to improve the likelihood of success in education is to start early. That is why Sandy and I are happy to support the Unity 4Kids Preschool Program at Hispanic Unity. What better way to improve the future of our community than to help advance the education of our children of today."

Kenny & Sandy Tate Fund at the Community Foundation of Broward

Meet One of Our Center for Working Families Program Donors:

"BBI partners with organizations where we know our commitment will go to outreach, not overhead. Being in the heart of our community, I have always had confidence that supporting Hispanic Unity of Florida means we are supporting positive change in the lives of countless families who would otherwise not have the tools they need to achieve their dreams."

Robert Taylor
Burdette Beckmann Inc.