

# Greater Twin Cities United Way – Making Choices



Category	A = 1 candy	B = 2 candies	C = 3 candies
<b>Housing</b>	1 Studio apartment, 1 bath, unfurnished, no patio/deck/yard, street parking only, stove only.	2 3 bedroom/1 bathroom apartment, unfurnished, covered patio, 1 covered parking space, stove and refrigerator.	3 2 bedroom/1.5 bathroom house, unfurnished, small fenced yard, 2-car garage, stove refrigerator, and dishwasher.
<b>Healthcare</b>	1 No health insurance, you pay for all health related costs out-of-pocket.	2 Health insurance for you through your employer but no health insurance for your family members; those costs come out-of-pocket.	3 Health insurance for you and your family through your employer.
<b>Food (per person)</b>	1 1 meal per day.	2 2 meals per day.	3 3 meals a day plus snacks.
<b>Transportation</b>	1 Walk or bike everywhere, no public transportation.	2 Walk, bike or take public transportation.	3 Own your own car.
<b>Technology</b>	1 No computer, no cell phone, black & white TV without cable.	2 Cell phone, color TV without cable, no computer.	3 Home computer, cell phone, TV with cable.
<b>Laundry</b>	1 Use a laundromat not in your apartment complex.	2 Shared laundry room in your apartment complex.	3 Own washer/dryer in your home.
<b>Shopping</b>	1 1 grocery store within walking distance, no mall within 20 miles.	2 Grocery store across the street from your home and a few small stores within a mile.	3 Grocery stores nearby and several stores and a mall within walking distance.
<b>Spending Money</b>	1 After the bills/food are paid, no extra money left.	2 \$20 extra left over each week after all bills are paid.	3 \$50 left over each week after all bills are paid.

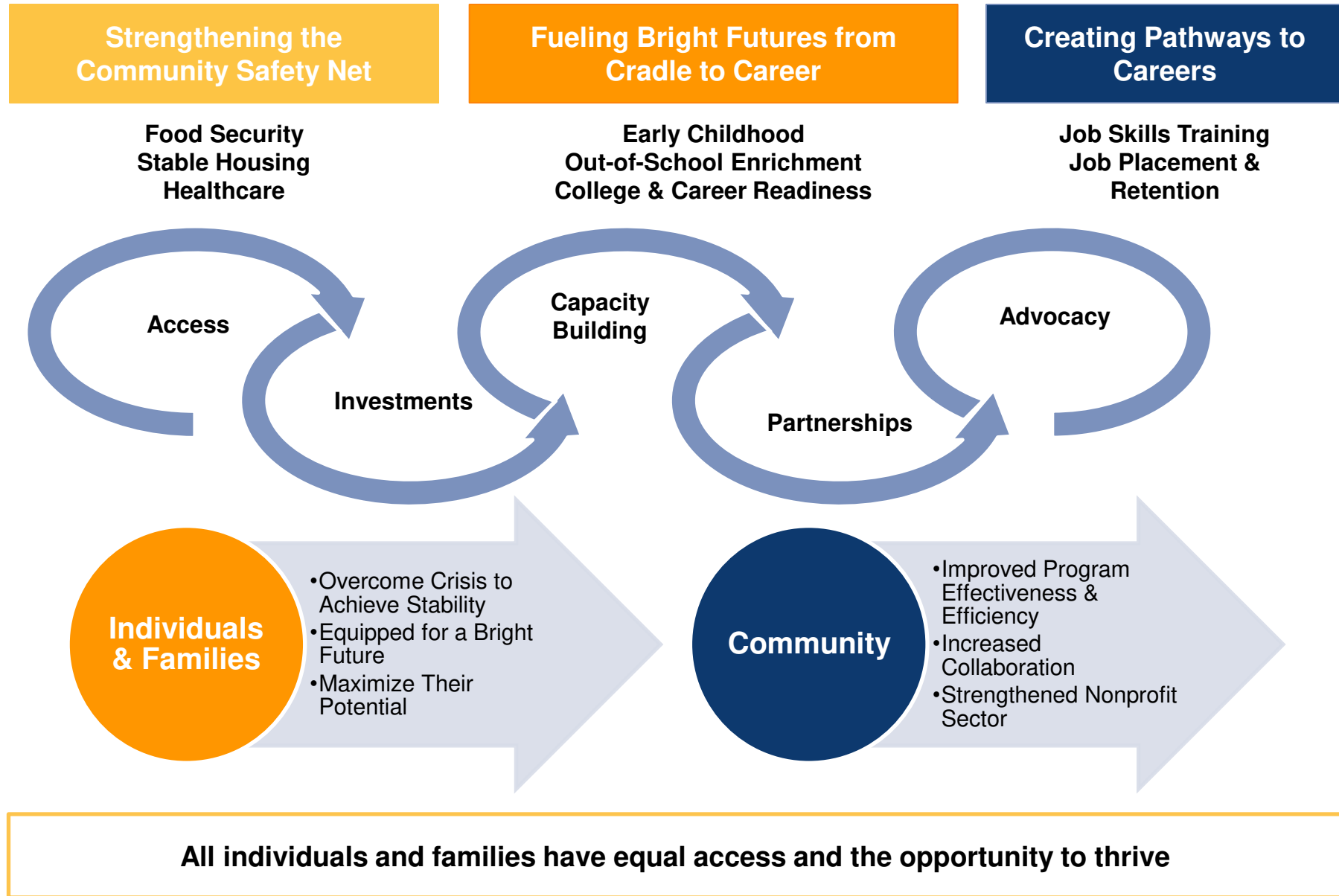
# Greater Twin Cities United Way – Accelerating Change for a More Equitable Twin Cities

- The causes of poverty are interrelated; individuals rarely experience the challenges associated with poverty in isolation.
- GTCUW focuses our work on critical points on the journey toward stabilization and self-sufficiency.
- GTCUW creates conditions for lasting change through a set of interconnected strategies.
- The core of GTCUW’s value-add is found at the axis of these strategies working in tandem to achieve expansive and lasting change.
- Combined, these strategies create a multiplying effect on dollars invested and long-term outcomes for individuals, our community, and the nonprofit sector.



With questions about United Way or our work, please visit [gtcuw.org](http://gtcuw.org)

To learn about impact or to make a gift, please contact Donna Moores at 612-340-7444.



United Way 211, an information and referral line, fielded 384,000 inquiries and connected people to essential resources.

Career Academies powered by United Way helped move high school graduates into a \$20+/hour skilled job with future growth and earning potential.

Minnesota’s working households received an average refund of \$2,200 through Claim it!, United Way’s campaign for Earned Income Tax Credit.