

United Way funds programs and provides targeted services to increase financial stability for local families.

Locally, 705 ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) households attended financial skills classes, with 97% of participants demonstrating an increase in financial knowledge.

112 ALICE households received financial counseling; 46 individuals opened a traditional bank account.

25% of clients increased their credit score to 640 or greater!



A SNAP certified financial counselor researches and develops new financial education curriculum, meets with clients to review budgets, set goals and coaches clients to credit scores of 640 and above.

The following comments came from a recent client:

"Yes, it was certainly challenging with my husband's health, but 7 years later, I finally can see the light and can anticipate being able to live on just Social Security. I'm just really, really, really glad I bought my house as it's turned into my retirement nest egg. Just a side note, I got into it with help through SNAP's first-time home buyer program some 25 years ago.

The number one thing I love about SNAP is the rationality of their programs. Everyone needs housing, so let's work with mortgages, getting people into their own long-term homes or help with rent and utilities.

Then let's keep them there with home repair and energy assistance. But let's make sure they can grow too with education at a very practical level, i.e., credit building, home ownership classes, maybe starting a new business. Yep, I took the 8 session Microenterprise program right before my husband got sick. I still want to start my own business, so will dig that info out again.

Like I said: the support is practical, useful and given in a respectful, supportive manner like neighbors helping neighbors. A lot of nonprofits should take a few pages out of SNAP's playbook."

Your generosity gives new opportunities for people by providing skills-based trainings, financial classes, affordable housing, and a holistic approach to getting basic needs met.



Spokane County United Way

Spokane County United Way fights for the Health, Education and Financial Stability of every person in our community.