

## CRITICAL COMMUNITY NEED—FINANCIAL STABILITY

Families who lack financial stability are unable to buy homes, attend college or vocational school and achieve financial independence.

### United Way Solution— Focus on improving family financial stability.

- ▶ As a partner of the **Prosperity Campaign**, we fund free tax preparation assistance and financial education. In 2008, 13,000 tax returns were prepared, resulting in \$11.8 million in tax refunds for working families here in Tampa Bay.
- ▶ Since 2005, our **Summer Care** initiative has provided free summer child care for 2,200 children whose parents would have to leave their children alone or quit their jobs to care for them, and financial education to 1,000 parents.
- ▶ A grant application led to funding for 148 Individual Development Accounts for low-income residents who agree to save a certain amount monthly. A match will help them achieve ultimate goals of expanding a business, going to school or buying a home. Since February, 20 people have received the grants.
- ▶ Our focus on neighborhoods led to the opening of the **Sulphur Springs Resource Center**, which provides residents educational and financial resources to build a better life.
- ▶ Your donations provided funding for 27 programs that advance financial stability.

