



When COVID-19 hit, 39% of all households in the Greater Fredericksburg Region (approximately 44,000 households) were already struggling to make ends meet — a 10-year record high — setting the stage for the unprecedented economic impact of the pandemic.

Last year, Rappahannock United Way (RUW) provided financial assistance through the ALICE Assistance Fund - paying mortgage, rent, and transportation bills to keep individuals and families safely housed and at work.



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, **98%** of households requesting assistance needed help with their rent or mortgage - keeping people in their homes was an immediate priority.

Rappahannock United Way provided over **\$2.6 MILLION** in rent and mortgage relief to **625** local ALICE households.

The Garcia family heard about Rappahannock United Way's Rent and Mortgage Assistance Program and made the tough decision to ask for help.

"I never thought this could happen to me and my family. We were extremely stressed out because we weren't sure how we were going to provide for our two young children. We were forced to do the unthinkable and decide if we wanted to feed our kids or pay our mortgage, and of course, we opted to make sure we had food on the table." - Mrs. Garcia

Through the generous support of local donors and partners, RUW had the funds available to assist the Garcia family - helping them avoid foreclosure and keeping their family safe at home.

Your continued support of our ALICE community is critical.

Please continue to **BE THERE** as we work to **RESPOND, RECOVER, REIMAGINE, REBUILD.**

Together, we can work to build a community that is hopeful, resilient, and self-sufficient.

