Jacqueline first heard about United Community back in 2014 when she was pregnant and a student at Mount Vernon High School. She enrolled in the Healthy Families program, which would change her life in more ways than she could imagine.

When her daughter, Valeria, was just six weeks old, Healthy Families counselor Sonya provided Jacqueline with information about her daughter’s development, as well as helping her get a car seat, diapers and formula. During the next three years, Jacqueline learned more about her child’s development and was reassured by Sonya whenever she had concerns. Valeria grew from “a tiny baby” to eventually meeting every milestone of normal child development with “flying colors,” said Jacqueline.

When she graduated high school, her first job out of school was working the overnight shift - far from ideal but she was doing the best she could for her growing daughter.

Then, Jacqueline got the call that would change her life again. It was from United Community offering her a job at the Early Learning Center as a classroom aide. For her it was a dream come true.

Within three years, Jacqueline was promoted to assistant teacher, and later, to lead teacher in the infant wing where she now supervises two assistant teachers. She also takes online classes to further her education and ultimately get her college degree.

Jacqueline’s life has come full circle. Working with new single mothers she shares, “I can relate with them what they’re going through.” Citing herself as an example, she shows them that despite the challenges they may be facing, with determination it is possible for them to realize their dreams.

To the supporters who help make it all possible she says, “Thank you for everything...for helping babies, families, and us.”
**STEPPING STONES**

**BUILDING RESILIENCE**
Moves individuals and families out of crisis and towards stability by providing emergency assistance with wraparound case management services, financial education, and job readiness.

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**EARLY LEARNING CENTER**

**SUCCESSFUL CHILDREN**
ELC is an accredited, affordable, high quality educational care center that emphasizes social-emotional development and integrates evidence-based curriculum to ensure children are well prepared for Kindergarten.

- **FY19: 106 CHILDREN ENROLLED**

**KINDERGARTEN READINESS**
100% of Kindergarten-bound children demonstrated readiness measured by evidence based curriculum.

**HEALTHY FAMILIES**

**POSITIVE PARENTING**
A nationally recognized child abuse prevention program that equips parents with the tools, supports, and guidance families need to build a positive and healthy home for their children from pre-birth to age three.

- **FY19: 190 FAMILIES SERVED**

**HEALTHY HOME**
98% were confirmed to have an acceptable home environment or demonstrated improvement to support child development after one year of participation.

**SPARK YOUTH PROGRAM**

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**
Engages children and youth in positive emotional/social and academic learning through lively, interactive, and creative activities to support individual growth through out-of-school-time programming.

- **FY19: 151 LOCAL YOUTH SERVED**

**ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE**
72% of students improved their academic performance.

**SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL SKILLS**
65% of students improved their social emotional skills.

- **FY19: 86% OF PARENTS ENGAGED**

**OPPORTUNITY NEIGHBORHOOD MOUNT VERNON**

**A CONNECTED COMMUNITY**
A collective impact initiative where residents, schools, local government, community organizations, faith groups, and business partners work collaboratively to create supports and reduce barriers.

- **FY19: 111 ADULTS REGISTERED IN ESL**

**LEGAL SUPPORT**
55 adults worked with Progreso’s immigration attorney for legal assistance to include: naturalization, citizenship, green card applications, visa applications, and family petitions or legal protections.

**COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**
Schools partner with community agencies to allocate resources and provide an integrated focus on academics, health and social services, youth, and community development, and engagement.

- **MOUNT VERNON WOODS ELEMENTARY**
  
  - Established weekly SuperSnack to provide afterschool meals for 100 students.
  - Coordinated dental screenings for 30 uninsured students.

- **WALT WHITMAN MIDDLE**
  
  - Began school based clothing closet and family food market serving 120 families per month.
  - Developed MentorWorks pairing 30 students with volunteer mentors.

**COMMUNITY CENTERS**
Hosts neighborhood programs at Sacramento and Creekside Village Community Centers serving as the hub for 15 local neighborhoods

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**RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT**
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