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COLLABORATING FOR THE GREATER GOOD

Fostering collaboration enriches the communities where we live and serve. The Board of Directors of United HomeCare (UHC) responded to social detriments in our own to communities with a clear strategy focused on addressing the needs of underserved populations by providing access-to-care and access-to-jobs.

With support from the TD Charitable Foundation, the charitable arm of TD Bank, UHC—a non-profit Home and Community-based home health agency—partnered with Florida Memorial University—a historically Black university in an underserved community—to launch **Learn & Work™**.

Learn & Work™ is UHC's workforce development and job opportunities program to assist unemployed and under-employed individuals in Miami Gardens, the largest African American municipality in Florida. Individuals gain training in

the home health aide vocation for the care of homebound older and disabled adults, two of our most vulnerable populations. Without home health aides, individuals advancing in age and in need of assistance to remain at home, would be at risk of institutionalization.

Learn & Work™ will empower older individuals to live the remaining years of their lives in their own home, as many prefer, and provide training and job opportunities for individuals in the community seeking a better life for themselves and their families.

UHC Management projects the program will create an economic impact of \$2.5M to drive financial security and income stability in the community as well as alleviate a long-plagued staffing shortage in the home health industry that the pandemic has intensified, according to the latest projections released by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics. We are incredibly proud to work with organizations committed to finding a common interest for the greater good and support such a meaningful program that helps meet the needs of the underserved. Together we are making a positive, lasting impact on many lives and hope to inspire more community collaboration for the greater good.

For more information about UHC's Learn & Work™ program and how you can help, call (305) 716-0710.

