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2023 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Jena M. Gullo, Executive Director iguilogimsaunitedway.org

2023 was a year of celebration!



We marked our 10-Year Anniversary of the Backpack Program, currently serving 1700+ children across 10 counties. By working closely with our schools and business partners, we remain committed to making sure children don't go hungry on the weekends. This is a great example that the work of your United Way is driven by the needs of our community.

Today, we are celebrating your unwavering support. Your United Way was highlighted at the United Way Worldwide global conference this past year as a top thriving local United Way. In addition, your United Way was one of thirty United Ways out of 1200 selected by United Way Worldwide for deeper research into our success with revenue diversification. We also learned this year that your United Way has been a top-performing United Way across the country. We owe our success to you! It is because of YOU that our United Way continues to grow, despite nationwide philanthropic trends, and with our partners, tackles many of the big challenges facing our community today.

In April, we celebrated the Ribbon Cutting of our Center for Opportunity with more than 300 of our partners, donors, and leaders in attendance. Thank you! That was a day to remember - the culmination of an immense amount of work driven by community gaps in services for the homeless.

On June 1, we opened the new center to clients, making all of the hard work worth it, particularly with the first big snowstorm in October, where we sheltered 144 men, women, and children.

Who can forget another brutal temperature drop to -65 windchill this winter. Thankfully, our Center is open 24/7 year-round for the homeless. We come together today to celebrate the lives changed and the lives saved.

The hard times, of which there are many, are worth it when I see a very content, well-taken-care of 2-week-old baby at our shelter, or when a client with addiction and mental health issues thanks me for our help in his recovery journey.

We celebrate our partnerships - many life-changing programs across the community which are United Way-funded AND many new relationships not based on United Way funding at all.

We also celebrate the 20+ agencies and businesses providing on-site services at our Center for Opportunity to meet so many of the needs of the homeless. By coming together, we are removing the barriers of transportation and access to services.

Phase 1 on our Center for Opportunity was completed and we are charging ahead with Phase 2, which will offer 18 additional beds for families, a kitchen, and a group meeting space for AA, NA, Parent Support Groups, art classes, Bible Studies and more.

We kicked off our strategic planning process this past fall with listening ears and are excited to implement many recommendations in the updated plan. As we look ahead, we strive to grow our internal capacity to position our United Way to tackle the big issues and accomplish even greater things together with our partners!

This annual report features the people we helped, as well as those who made it possible. Thank you for being a part of the solution!

My very best,

Jena M. Hullo

OUR WORK TO COMBAT HUNGER

UNITED WAY'S BACKPACK PROGRAM

Common sense, backed up by loads of data, tells you that children who go to school hungry have difficulty concentrating, listening, and learning. This most often leads to decreased academic performance. Feeding America reports a link between food insecurity and an increase in school absences and behavioral issues. Poor nutrition can even lead to delayed development in young children, risk of chronic health issues, and have lasting effects long into adulthood.

This past year, we marked our 10-year Anniversary of our United Way Backpack Program! We have provided food over the weekends to elementary, middle, and high school students across Bismarck-Mandan and many rural communities including Linton, Hazelton, Braddock, Moffit, Hazen, Beulah, and Carson.

In 2023, 30,140+ weekend backpacks of food were provided to 1,700+ children.

A BIG THANK YOU TO...

Our Sponsors

- American Family Insurance
- · Bartlett & West, Inc.
- Basin Electric Power Cooperative
- Bismarck-Mandan Board of Realtors
- Bismarck-Mandan Home Builders
- Community Realtors & Affiliates
- Cornerstone Bank
- Farstad Oil Company
- · Gate City Bank

- KLJ
- Marathon Petroleum Company
- Missouri River Baseball Club
- MDU Resources Group, Inc.
- National Information Solutions Cooperative (NISC)
- Sanford Health
- Starion Bank
- Trinity Lutheran Church
- US Bank
- Vogel Law Firm

Our Volunteers

- Dakota Adventist Academy
- Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park
- Kramer Chevrolet
- Kramer Subaru
- National Medical Resources
- North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA)
- North Dakota Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation
- Professional Women in Building



Your Impact

"I just received a call from a mom today asking if we could add her two children to the backpack program. She said her family has two special needs children and money is very tight. The food will help supplement the grocery bill while focusing on medical needs.

- Angela Messmer, Wachter MS Counselor



































OUR WORK TO COMBAT HUNGER

SUMMER HUNGER

It's a collaboration made in heaven! Funded through USDA, Bismarck Public Schools generously makes meals that hundreds of United Way Volunteers serve throughout the summer months at parks in 11 low-income neighborhoods. It's a safe way to ensure kids don't go hungry when school is out of session.

Thankfully, our United Way supporters are committed to taking care of kids when they aren't at school - feeding any child in need over the weekends and throughout the summer months.









569 volunteers and 29 businesses served 23,542 meals in 11 parks.

A BIG THANK YOU TO...

Our Volunteers

- Azurance Group
- Bank of North Dakota
- Bartlett & West, Inc.
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND
- Brady Martz
- Bravera Bank
- Bremer Bank
- Capital Credit Union
- Choice Bank
- Eide Bailly

- EMC Insurance
- Envision Pools & Outdoor Living
- Farm Credit Services of Mandan
- First Western Bank & Trust
- Freedom Financial Group
- Gate City Bank
- Gideon's Brewing Company
- House of Prayer Lutheran Church
- Kirkwood Bank & Trust
- Maring Law

- MDU Resources Group, Inc.
- ND Department of Public Instruction
- ND Oilseed Council
- ND Housing Finance Agency
- North Dakota Bankers Association
- · Optimist Club
- SCHEELS
- Starion Bank
- Townsquare Media
- United Church of Christ
- Workforce Safety Insurance (WSI)

CROSSTOWN SUMMER CELEBRATION

Gideon's Brewing Company, Dialectic Brewing & Ciderhouse, Buffalo Commons Brewing Company, Laughing Sun Brewing Company, Bismarck Brewing, Stonehome Brewing Company and United Way came together for an evening of live music by Sugar Break and a delicious taco bar! \$4,403.20 was raised for United Way's Backpack Program!



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS' STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE

Letter Carriers and United Way volunteers banded together to collect and distribute **8,915 pounds** of nonperishable food to **11 agencies**, food pantries, and the United Way Backpack Program to Stamp Out Hunger in our communities.









ONE CHILD FED CAMPAIGN

Community members raised awareness and funds to end childhood hunger during Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week.









CHICK-FIL-A DELIVERY

Chick-fil-A donates food that United Way delivers M/W/F to the Abused Adult Resource Center, Ministry on the Margins, Heavens Helpers Soup Cafe, Youthworks, The Dream Center, Welcome House, and the United Way Center for Opportunity.











GIDEON'S CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE

Gideon's Brewing Company raised \$3,416.76!



ENVISION POOLS & OUTDOOR LIVING raised \$2,950 through a Whiskey & Wine Tasting event!



PARTNERS

- Burleigh County Senior Adults Program Nutrition Program
- Community Cupboard of Underwood Backpack Program & Food Pantry
- · Great Plains Food Bank

- Morton County Council on Aging Home Delivered Meals
- Postal Carriers
- · The Banquet

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

- Select a Day/Week for 2 of Your Team Members to Volunteer Over the Lunch Hour to Serve Summer Meals in a Park.
- Sponsor \$4,000 and Pack 1650 Bags of Food for Our Weekend Backpack Program.
- Prepare and Serve an Evening Meal Over the Weekends To Homeless Families Who Have No Where Else to Eat.

CENTER FOR OPPORTUNITY

When we were asked in 2017 to temporarily shelter the homeless, it was an easy decision. We were not going to allow vulnerable homeless adults and families to freeze to death that winter.

When we were later asked to buy property with Community Works North Dakota and build a permanent emergency shelter for our community, it wasn't as easy of a decision. However, storm after storm, our Board was affirmed that they made the right decision with every life saved.

MSA United Way operates the only 24/7 shelter in our region. On average, 100 men, women and children are sheltered. This past winter, we sheltered a high of 144

people per night. This is nearly four times the average number in need compared to previous years,

Many residents are employed, many fighting addiction, many suffering from mental health issues. (cont.)













Your Impact

"When I walked into the beautiful family room, I saw the encouraging words on the wall - it made me feel so welcomed and gave me the ability to breathe. My children and I did not want to spend another day living in our car. What United Way gives is stability, comfort, and safety for families like mine. For someone who is homeless and doesn't have it all together, please look beyond that. United Way saved my life and helped me to protect my children during an absolutely horrible situation."

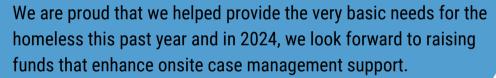
- A Center for Opportunity Client

CENTER FOR OPPORTUNITY CONTINED...

The goal of the Center for Opportunity is not only to provide shelter and basic needs, but to also link people to services.

Twenty-two local agencies provide onsite services to address behavioral health needs, housing, and employment.

We've been taking a very conservative approach to ensure other United Way programs and agencies aren't adversely affected by United Way taking on this enormous community need. It is a delicate balance because we know to better help clients out of homelessness, more funding for shelter operations is needed. With proper funding, 80% of clients do not return to homelessness.











RIBBON CUTTING

Thank you to the more than 300 community leaders who came out to support our Ribbon Cutting. We are so proud of our community for coming together to fill this urgent and important need. Among the gaps that have been addressed is the provision of shelter for women and children, shelter for single fathers, laundry facilities and detergent, showers, computers, childcare, access to onsite services that eliminates many of the transportation needs, and a 24/7 drop-in center.















Your Impact

"I was working and I got very sick. I was on disability leave for two months. I lost the use of my legs (my illness made it difficult to walk) and my money ran out. I could not pay my rent and my utilities shut off. It was January and so cold the water pipes burst in my apartment. My neighbor called the police to take me to the hospital. I came to MSA United Way Emergency Shelter from the hospital. Being here has helped me regain my health. By being at the shelter, I received help with Medicaid, my medications and getting into an apartment. They even got a walker for me. I received help to live."

- A Center for Opportunity Client

LEAVING A LEGACY



You have an opportunity to leave your legacy with a gift to our Center for Opportunity, paid over 5 years. Donors of \$1,000 and above will receive special recognition with their name on our Legacy Wall, which will be showcased in a prominent area of our Center for Opportunity. This wall is open to all who want to make their mark in helping to fill gaps in our community.

Thank you to our early major donors: The Leach Foundation (\$500,000), Basin Electric Power Coop. (\$500,000), The Bremer Trust (\$200,000), Kerry Carpenter (\$200,000), Bravera Bank (\$100,000), Eide Bailly (\$25,000), Capital Credit Union (\$25,000), the late Al and Karen Wolf (\$10,000) and Midwest Minnes ota Community Development Corp. for a \$465,000 tax credit.

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR DONORS

NAMING OPPORTUNITY	PLEDGE NOW	ANNUAL PAYMENT FOR 5 YEARS
Champion - Building and Wall of Fame	\$1,000,000	\$200,000 per year
Diamond - Interior Adult Shelter, Family Shelter, Center and Wall of Fame	\$500,000	\$100,000 per year
24-Karat - Kitchen, Dining Area and Wall of Fame	\$250,000	\$50,000 per year
Platinum - Family Bedroom, Training/Tutoring and Wall of Fame	\$125,000	\$25,000 per year
Gold - Wall of Fame	\$50,000	\$10,000 per year
Silver - Wall of Fame	\$25,000	\$5,000 per year
Bronze - Wall of Fame	\$5,000	\$1,000 per year
Hero - Wall of Fame	\$2,500	\$500 per year
Friend - Wall of Fame	\$1,000	\$200 per year



CENTER FOR OPPORTUNITY

ONSITE SERVICES AT THE CENTER FOR OPPORTUNITY			
SERVICE	PROVIDER	WHEN	
Washer/Dryers/Showers/Hygiene Supplies/Laundry Detergent	United Way	Daily Gam - 10pm	
Onsite Child Watch	YMCA	M/W/F 10am-1pm	
Housing Assistance	Better Together - ND	M/T/Th 1-3pm	
Free Through Recovery	Seeds of Eden	T 9am · 10am	
ID/Vital Docs & Housing Assessments	United Way	T/W/Th 7am - 10:30am	
Housing Assessments	Dacotah Foundation	W 1-3pm	
SNAP Registration Assistance	Great Plains Food Bank	W 2-4pm (every other W)	
Bible Study	Missio Church	W 2:30pm (every other W)	
Social Determinants of Health - Outreach	Sanford Health	Th 2-4:30pm	
Financial Literacy Presentations & 1:1 Assistance	Capital Credit Union	Twice a Month	
Weekend Dinner	United Way Volunteer	3/9 6pm	
Haircuts	Dominque Stenehjem	3/13 10am-2pm	
Transportation to/from Job Service & Job Fairs	Job Service ND	W 7am; 3/13 & 3/27 2pm-4pm	
Free Through Recovery	F5 Project	3/14 10am	
Dinner, Live Music, Games & Children Activities	ND Rise & Missio Church	3/17 3pm - 8pm	
Round Table Nutrition Class	Bis-Burl Public Health - Katle Johnke	3/22 10 am-12pm	
Career Readiness	YMCA - Raquel Nachatilo	4/5 9a-10am	
Mental Health/Addiction Outreach; Crisis Services	West Central Human Services	On going	
Health & Wellness Classes	Family Wellness	On going	



Your Impact

"I got hooked on heroin and meth. I lost my fingers due to passing out in the snow. I came to United Way for shelter. I sobered up. It is a good place to be. Drug-free. Every day when I see someone who has been sober longer than me I try a lot harder. It is a hard addiction. By the grace of God and these people here, I have been able to make time up. People have given up on me, but United Way has not. They have programs here to help you get back on your feet. I thought I was a bad person until I met these people here at United Way. I owe you my heart."

- James, A Shelter Resident



WORKPLACE DEVELOPMENT

Job Service North Dakota toured the Center for Opportunity and discussed ways to collaborate. United Way is raising funds for bus passes to Job Service for career readiness assistance offered every Wednesday and to their Job Fairs.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Katie Johnke, Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health presents regularly on health and nutrition topics such as diabetes management and healthy snacks.



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Gary Stockert, City of
Bismarck, presented on Winter
Emergency Preparedness to
shelter residents during
Hunger & Homelessness
Awareness Week

Together with our partners, 24,774 nights of shelter were provided to individuals in need.

HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK

United Way hosted tours of the center and our annual Walk A Mile in My Shoes.







PARTNERS

- Abused Adult Resource Center Pam's House and Hope House New Directions Programs
- Better Together ND Housing Assistance
- Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health
- Dacotah Foundation Housing Assessments
- Family Wellness
- Great Plains Food Bank SNAP Registration Assistance

- Job Service ND Career Readiness
- Missouri Valley YMCA Onsite Child Watch
- Northern Lights Council, Boy Scouts of America
- Sanford Health Outreach
- Welcome House Operations
- Youthworks Homeless Youth & Young Adults and At-Risk Youth & Families

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

- Leave a Legacy by Giving to the Capital Campaign.
- Give Monthly to Cover Utility Costs, IDs, Transportation for Clients.
- Provide Training to Improve Skills.
- Assist with Mock Job Interviews, Budgeting, Apartment Searches.
- Become a Scout Leader for Children Experiencing Homelessness and Neighborhood Kids.
- Join our Reading Club!



HELPING ALL CHILDREN SUCCEED

WOMEN UNITED

Women United is a growing force of 282 local leaders and philanthropists dedicated to creating a world of opportunity - for everyone. They lead change in our community by tackling issues facing women and children to break the cycle of poverty.

Members volunteer alongside like-minded women to create change. They network and collaborate with key business and community leaders at exclusive events, such as our Community Conversations.

Preschool readiness, mentorship and books in the home are longstanding priorities. Funds raised support many evidence-based programs and allow our United Way to offer the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to nearly 4,000 local children each year.

PARENTS UNITED

Women United Leader, **Teresa Chrest of Bartlett & West**, volunteered to organize our Parents United this past year. We brought in monthly trainers from NDSU Service Extension, Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health, and Kirkwood Bank & Trust to offer nutrition, cooking, exercise, and financial literacy classes to parents of Jeannette Myhre students. We also offered childcare to allow parents time to learn and socialize with other parents. Developing a strong support network is equally as important as learning new skills. Parents received fun prizes such as Crockpots, Christmas trees, and gift cards for gas and groceries.











ADOPT-A-CLASSROOM

Have an hour every other Tuesday morning to give to children?
Sign up for our Adopt-A-Classroom program to love on kids yearning for your positive attention.
Volunteers help teachers in the classroom with the goals of improving reading and math scores, as well as behaviors.

LITTLE BLACK DRESS POVERTY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Women United leads our Little Black Dress Poverty Awareness Campaign, where 138 local leaders advocated for women and children by wearing a black outfit for a week and sharing compelling social media posts. Teams of 1-15 people raised \$52,198.15 this year. Thank you to the Little Black Dress Committee - Toni Cottingham, Jessie Hauck, ShaLee Huntley, Dorothy Lick, Lara Loritz, Sarah Mack, Laurie Martin, Jennifer Thorson, Destiny Voth, and Jo Vroman.



















HELPING ALL CHILDREN SUCCEED

DAY OF ACTION

WOMEN UNITED DIAPERS & WIPES DRIVE

On United Way's Day of Action, Women United collected **1,086 diapers** and **1,526 wipes**. All items were distributed to multiple agencies in need throughout the community. Next year, we will add a community baby shower for pregnant women in need.









DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY

MSA United Way's Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a book gifting program that mails a brand new, age-appropriate book to enrolled children every month from birth until five years of age, creating a home library of up to 60 books and instilling a love of books and reading from an early age. The program is funded locally by individual donations from parents, other community members and corporate gifts. A gift of only \$25 sponsors a child for one year.

The Imagination Library promotes early childhood education and fosters parent-child interaction - both of which are fundamental ingredients to future educational success. Research has shown that children who participate in the program gain many of the fundamental skills that prepare them for school. Since the program began in 2009, more than 600,000 books have been mailed to children in our community. Thank you to North American Coal for raising \$14,200 to provide 568 kids with 6,816 books in one year.

In 2023, 40,770 books were delivered to local preschoolers.



Your Impact

"This program helps kids receive a variety of books that they get to enjoy. My boys' favorite part of their day and my day is having them pick out a book and read it to them. The only time they actually sit down is to read these wonderful books!"

- Taylor Stork, A Parent of Children Enrolled in our Program







SNAPSHOT OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- 2,165 Youth Spent Time with a Positive Role Model.
- 1,239 Girls Gained Academic and Social Skills to Prepare Them for Their Future Roles in the Workplace and the Community.
- 1,219 Books were Distributed to Multiple Agencies with Clients in Need.
 - 876 Boys Received Character and Leadership Training and Hundreds of New Life Skills.

PARTNERS

- Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health
- Bismarck Public Schools BECEP Head Start
- Dacotah Foundation Bis-Man Mentor Squad
- Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons Leadership Experience
- Jeannette Myhre Elementary
- Kirkwood Bank & Trust
- Missouri Valley Family YMCA YDC Preschool Education Assistance and Childcare Assistance
- NDSU Extension Services
- Neighbors Network (through April)
- Northern Lights Council, Boy Scouts of America Comprehensive Youth Character Development, Leadership and Life Skills Education Program

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

- Join Women United by Giving an Annual Gift of \$500+ to Support Women and Children in Our Community.
- Have a Collection Tote at Your Business for our Book Drive and Diapers and Wipes Drive.
- Advocate and Raise Funds By Assembling a Little Black Dress Team.
- Volunteer in the Classroom at a High-Poverty School for 2-4 hours a Month.
- Sponsor a Basket for a New Mom at Our Community Baby Shower.
- Join a Women United Day of Caring Team.
- Help Wrap Hundreds of Christmas Gifts.
- Teach Skills and Offer Support to Parents at our monthly Parents United.
- . Mentor and Play with Kids at a High-Poverty School during Parents United.
- Read to High-Need Children on May Day.
- Assist in High-Poverty Classrooms to Bolster Reading and Math Skills.

A HEALTHY COMMUNITY FOR ALL

A healthy community where everyone thrives... that starts with access to nutritious food and physical activity, good health care (including maternal and mental health support), building resiliency and developing supportive relationships - all vital to good physical and mental health.

By investing in quality services for seniors, children with special needs, children impacted by trauma, low-income families, cancer patients, and those with a Parkinson's diagnosis, we can improve their quality of life.

It also makes sense financially. By addressing hunger, obesity, and reducing preventable illnesses, we can cut everyone's healthcare costs. By helping to keep seniors in their homes and in good health, we reduce the need for costly residential services. By being open 24/7, especially during deadly winter storms, and bringing services onsite at our Center for Opportunity, we are reducing unnecessary ER visits and highly sought-after inpatient bed usage, as well as reducing barriers to services, such as lack of transportation.

We strive to achieve a healthy, thriving community through strong partnerships with many nonprofits - all doing amazing work across the community.







In 2023, 3,551,045 meals were provided to people in need.



Your Impact

The Burleigh County Senior Adults Program and Morton County Council on Aging work to reduce food insecurity, promote socialization, health and wellbeing, and delay adverse health conditions among older adults.

"My kids have all moved away and my home is all that I know. Thank you for helping me to stay here safely as long as possible!"

SNAPSHOT OF HEALTH PROGRAMS

- 62,396 Kids, Adults, and Seniors now have Access to Healthy Meals.
 - 428 Children Coping with Trauma and various Disabilities Increased Skills.
 - Older Adults have Increased Socialization Opportunities, Knowledge About Preventative Care, and Feel Better About Themselves after Participating in 10,343 Hours of PRIMETIME Wellness at the Y.
 - Parkinson's Program Participants have Slowed the Progression of Their Symptoms.
 - 34 LIVESTRONG Participants Reclaimed Their Lives after a Traumatic Cancer Diagnosis.

PARTNERS

- Abused Adult Resource Center Crisis Intervention, Family Safety Center, & Sexual Assault Advocacy.
- American Red Cross Disaster Services
- Burleigh County Senior Adults Health Maintenance Program & Nutrition Program
- Community Cupboard of Underwood
- Crisis Care Chaplaincy Crisis Intervention & Support
- Family Wellness Needy Family Memberships & Parkinson's Rock Steady Boxing
- · Great Plains Food Bank
- McLean Family Resource Center
- Missouri Valley YMCA LIVESTRONG at the YMCA, Needy Family Memberships, Parkinson's Wellness Program, PRIMETIME Wellness at the Y, & Safety Around Water
- Morton County Council on Aging Home Delivered Meals
- · The Banquet
- TR Heart and Soul
- United Way Backpack Business Sponsors
- United Way's Summer Hunger Volunteers & Bismarck Public Schools

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

- Hold a PB&J drive, which are Often the Most Expensive Items in our Backpacks.
- Deliver Meals to the Homes of Seniors in Bismarck-Mandan.
- Drop Off your Leftover Apples!
- Pack Food Boxes for Rural Community Members
- Spend Structured Time at our Center for Opportunity Building Healthy Support Networks for Homeless Families.

UNITED WAY'S DAY OF CARING



827 volunteers from the Bismarck/Mandan area descended on 52 projects at non-profits, schools, and parks. Our Day of Caring kicked off at the YMCA with breakfast, t-shirts, and excitement. Projects included cleaning, staining, painting, repairing, organizing, and refreshing! 36 local businesses made the day possible with sponsorships, in-kind donations, and providing employees to volunteer their time. The day ended with celebration, accomplishment, and camaraderie at Laughing Sun Brewery!









DAY OF CARING BY THE NUMBERS

VOLUNTEERS

827

52

NUMBER OF PROJECTS

HOURS INVESTED

3,308

40

LOCAL PLACES IMPACTED







Businesses are encouraged to allow their employees a day to give back to their community together. Studies have shown many benefits of volunteering linked to employee recruitment, job satisfaction, and employee retention. It builds team morale and strengthens your ties to your community. Half and full-day projects are available, as well as many family-friendly projects for kids of all ages!

Day of Caring is typically held on the second Wednesday of August each year. More than 50 volunteer Team Captains from various businesses are needed. They visit the project site ahead of time and work with agencies to organize and coordinate the day. They help to ensure a positive and productive day of volunteer work for your team.

Sign up and select your project by this Spring at www.VolunteerBisMan.com.

Have an idea to make the community a better place? Submit a project application on our website or call the office (701) 255-3601!

















VOLUNTEERBISMAN.COM

GIVING BACK HAS NEVER BEEN SO EASY

Volunteering is the cornerstone of the good work happening at United Way and our Partners across the community. VolunteerBisMan.com makes it easy for you to be a part of it!

By creating a venue that both allows individuals to see the many ways they can make a difference and agencies to promote their needs, the United Way has increased the potential for volunteerism, donations, and involvement in the community. Nonprofits and church groups throughout the 10-county region post their volunteer and other needs online in hopes of increasing the opportunities for community members to get involved. The online system, called www.VolunteerBisMan.com, is administrated by and promoted as a service of MSA United Way.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Agencies post their current volunteer opportunities and in-kind requests. In turn, volunteers can sign up and even 'favorite' agencies to be automatically notified of any updated needs. Opportunities currently listed online include one-to-one mentoring, home-delivered meals, and packaging food boxes. Examples of in-kind needs requested are toothpaste, bodywash, suitcases, toilet paper, canned goods and blankets. Users can go to www.volunteerBisMan.com to respond to these needs.

VolunteerBisMan.com does more than just create matches among the service community and private citizens; it also helps to build lasting relationships.

Responding to needs is easy and can change a life. Log onto www.VolunteerBisMan.com today!



Your Impact

"There is a lot of pain that comes from crisis in our communities. There were a number of deaths of children that always seem to cause more pain for first responders. Our chaplains were able to check on and provide emotional and spiritual support for our agencies quickly during these calls. The result of a quick response and the support provided allows our first responders a tool they can use to be resilient in life and at work."

- Chaplain Greg Carr, Crisis Care Chaplaincy

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- · Deliver food donated from Chick-fil-A to agencies in need
- Host a workplace campaign or join our Campaign Cabinet
- · Put a team together for Little Black Dress Campaign
- · Give 2hrs/mo. through Adopt-A-Classroom
- Sponsor a weekend of the UW Backpack Program
- Sign-up for a Day of Caring Project
- Join Women United
- Help provide a meal at the Center for Opportunity

- Donate nonperishable food to our Little Free Pantry or Backpack Program
- Donate an item to our Online or Little Black Dress Auctions
- Be a drop-off business location for one of our drives
- Help serve a meal at a park this summer
- Help 1hr/mo. at Parents United
- Check out www.VolunteerBisMan.com

VOLUNTEERING BY THE NUMBERS

VOLUNTEERS

HOURS INVESTED

COST SAVINGS

Volunteer

Scan to

2,395

+| 7,627

=

\$228,428.65









HOST A WORKPLACE CAMPAIGN

Did you know that 65% of United Way's campaign historically comes from employee giving? Holding a United Way Workplace Campaign is an opportunity to engage your team in their community. Select a coordinator or committee to work with our office and we'll do the rest! Best practices include support from company leadership, payroll deductions, a 10-minute UW company presentation, and fun events held for a week. Every dollar adds up to incredible impact!

INCLUDE MSA UNITED WAY IN YOUR PLANNED GIVING

Remembering MSA United Way in your estate planning ensures that you are leaving a legacy for years to come.

CONSIDER A GIFT OF STOCK

The contributor pays no capital gains tax on appreciated securities held for at least a year. The full market value of the security on the date of the gift may qualify as a charitable deduction.

GIVING TREE

United Way's Giving Tree Program provides gifts to children, birth to age 18, who otherwise might not have anything for Christmas. Area businesses and individuals generously provided gifts for **442** children this year! We had over **1,000** wrapped gifts that were distributed to those children for Christmas!























Your Impact

"I'm not sure what I would have done without this program. My kids would of gotten through it but it was nice to be able to have something for them to open"

- A grateful Mom

2024 UPCOMING EVENTS

Book Drive for May Day Baskets

April 8th - 19th, 2024

Online Auction

April 22nd - 26th, 2024

May Day Baskets

May 1st, 2024

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

May 11th, 2024

Gideon's Golf Tournament

June 13th, 2024

Day of Action/Community Baby Shower

June 2024

Summer Hunger

June 2024 - August 2024

Crosstown Brewdown August 3rd, 2024

Day of Caring

August 14th, 2024

Little Black Dress

September 16th - 19th, 2024

Little Black Dress Celebration

September 19th, 2024

Coins for a Cause

October 2024

Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week

November 18th - 26th, 2024

Giving Tree

December 2024



- 1. Basin Electric Power Cooperative
- 2. Tom & Frances Leach Foundation
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- 15. Capital Credit Union
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- 17. Knife River
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- 19. US Bank
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LEADERSHIP 2023

Last year, incoming Vice President Bryan Klipfel, who recently retired from leading WSI and Job Service ND, stressed the importance of updating our strategic plan and volunteered to lead the effort. Jena reached out to United Way Worldwide, who generously offered their assistance. At the same time, they would use our United Way as a model for helping other local United Ways with the strategic planning process. And so began the important journey of many stakeholder meetings to help us move into the future.

Taking a close look at our role in the community, we will embark on setting an updated community agenda, increasing the capacity of our small, but mighty, team to deliver on the vision, and increasing volunteerism. This will help to accomplish our mission of uniting people and resources to activate volunteers, support and deliver programs and services, and fund solutions for a stronger community. We look forward to your input!

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