

LIVE UNITED

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**United Way of
McLeod County**

2020

Community Impact Report



Living United

MISSION

Impacting the needs of McLeod County by building stronger, healthier communities.

United Way of McLeod County's (UWMC) vision is to improve people's lives by mobilizing the caring power of our communities.

We work for the Health, Education and Financial Stability of every person in McLeod County.

Our volunteer-driven, nonprofit organization is dedicated to advancing the common good. It's less about helping one person at a time and more about changing systems to help all of us. We are all connected and interdependent. Ultimately, when a child succeeds in school, when families are financially stable, and when people are healthy, we all win.

UWMC recruits people and organizations who bring the passion, expertise and resources needed to get things done. We invite you to be a part of the change right here in our community. You can give, you can advocate and you can volunteer.

That's what it means to LIVE UNITED!

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2019 Highlights

Our 2019 highlights include:

- Distributing more than \$30,000 to 17 funded partners
- Hosting or sponsoring community events such as:
 - A Conversation on Poverty (Glencoe)
 - Poverty Simulation (Glencoe)
 - Rural Women Conference (Silver Lake)
- Giving out coats and winter gear to more than 300 individuals at the 2019 Coat Drive (with Common Cup, Hutchinson)
- Raising more than \$4,000 for students in our county at the 2019 Kickin' It for McLeod County kickball tournament (Hutchinson)

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we had to cancel our annual spring fundraiser, Seniors Serving Seniors, and the 2020 Kickin' It for McLeod County tournament.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We invite you to participate in one of the following events or community initiatives:

- Coat Collection & Distribution (volunteers needed)
- Minnesota Acts of Kindness Week
- Rural Women Conference (virtual event)

More information, including dates, volunteer needs, and updates related to COVID-19 can be found on our Facebook page or unitedwaymcleodcounty.org.

2020 Funded Partners

This year, due to the generosity of donors like you and a substantial gift from 3M, UWMC was able to grant **\$49,500** to help fund the following nonprofits, initiatives and educational organizations:



Health

- McLeod Treatment Programs - Visitor Exchange Center
- LSS Senior Nutrition
- Hutchinson PRCE Adaptive Recreation
- West Central Industries
- Common Cup Backpack Feeding Program
- McLeod County Public Health



Education

- Adult Training & Habilitation
- Boy Scouts - Northern Star Council
- Wheel & Cog Children's Museum
- Hutchinson Early Childhood Family Education
- Glencoe-Silver Lake Early Childhood Family Education
- Glencoe-Silver Lake Early Childhood Special Education



Financial Stability

- McLeod Alliance
- Safe Avenues
- HOMES
- United Community Action Partnership Emergency Funding
- CHAP Ministries Adopt a Senior
- United Way Activity Scholarship Program

Impact Stories

McLeod Alliance

2020 Grant Awardee

"We are so grateful for the support of McLeod County United Way. Last year we were able to serve 354 clients, 258 of which were brand new. We provided Legal Advocacy 763 times, including accompaniment to court. 914 crisis and support calls were answered by staff. We referred clients to other local support agencies 623 times. School and community presentations on domestic violence and safe relationships were given. McLeod Alliance is happy to be a part of our community and always here to help those in need. Thank you!" - Rhonda Buerkle, Executive Director



United Community Action Partnership - Emergency Services

2020 Grant Awardee

"The funds from United Way of McLeod County will be used for direct assistance needs of people who are in crisis. Funds will be used to fill gaps in crisis service for things that are not able to be solved with existing programs in McLeod County. For example, our Energy Assistance Program (EAP) can assist people with heat and electric costs but is unable to assist with water/sewer/garbage costs. Another example would be in assisting people who are homeless get into housing by providing things like inflatable beds, cleaning supplies, basic cookware, silverware, shower curtains, towels, etc. We are grateful for the funding from UWMC which helps people in the greatest need." - Angela Larson, Family Services Director



Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota - Senior Nutrition

2020 Grant Awardee

"Funding from United Way of McLeod County will help cover the cost of meals for low-income seniors who cannot afford to contribute, but rely on our meals to help meet their nutritional requirements. This year we hope to provide a minimum of 43,500 meals to 467 unduplicated seniors living in McLeod County. The proposed grant will allow us to expand current services, reach out to more high-risk seniors to improve their diet and health, and help defray some of the cost of providing meals to these individuals." - Darlene Morgenstern-Loch, Regional Development Manager

Give Where You Live

When you donate to United Way of McLeod County, your dollars stay local and make a huge difference in the lives of those around you. Together, we are impacting the needs of our county by building stronger, healthier communities.



Support United Way of McLeod County

Online, recurring giving is the easiest, most effective way to support a nonprofit. Even \$5 a month makes a big difference! Sign up today at unitedwaymcleodcounty.kindful.com.

Or, to make a donation with a check, please mail it to:

United Way of McLeod County
PO BOX 504
Hutchinson, MN 55350

NEW!

Local businesses are invited to join our new giving club, Business 365. For \$1 a day, your business will provide much needed support to United Way of McLeod County and receive recognition on our website, social media, and future impact reports.

For more giving opportunities, including employee giving, please email connect@unitedwaymcleodcounty.org.



If you have questions, concerns, ideas or would like to learn about volunteer or giving opportunities, please contact either Sara Waibel, Board President, at sarawaibel@yahoo.com or Meghan Laffen, Community Impact Manager, at connect@unitedwaymcleodcounty.org.

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