

We're glad you asked...



United Way of
West Central Minnesota

Why give to United Way of West Central Minnesota?

United Way is the most effective way to direct your donations to address community needs. To create lasting solutions we identify the underlying cause of the problem and work with non-profits, governments, businesses, and volunteers to get the results— here in West Central Minnesota.

What makes United Way different from other non-profits?

United Way is more than “another charity”. United Way helps us work together as one community to identify and impact the issues that effect all of us. Most charities have a single cause for which they are seeking support, United Way is focused on our community and changing lives. All of the money raised for United Way of West Central Minnesota stays in West Central Minnesota.

Our Pledge:

United Way of West Central Minnesota takes the business of managing your donation very seriously and our performance exceeds Charities Review Council guidelines. United Way invests your gift wisely and locally to get meaningful results where you live and work.

How does United Way establish its focus on Community issues?

United Way continually assesses and evaluates the changing needs of our communities. United Way believes in core services in which there will always be needs: children and youth ,families, basic needs and independence.

How does United Way invest my gift?

Each year a trained board of volunteers review the management and effectiveness of the programs we partner with and use this information to determine funding levels. The information gathered from the review process is focused on results.

The four key factors include:

- Demonstrated lasting change in people’s lives
- Programs that are responsive to changing community needs
- Efficient and effective programs
- Program Accountability



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2009 United Way of West Central Minnesota Program Partners



Basic Needs

Heartland Community Action	Transportation Assistance
Shelter House	Sexual Assault
Willmar Area Food Shelf	Food Shelf Services
Salvation Army	Emergency Social Services
United Way of West Central Minnesota	Gift in Kind Program
United Way of West Central Minnesota	Volunteer Center
United Way of West Central Minnesota	2-1-1 Information Help Line

Children & Youth

Atwater Cosmos Grove City Schools	Early Childhood Family Education
Lutheran Social Services	Teen Moms
Boy Scouts	
Shelter House	Harmony Visitation Center
Shelter House	Youth Advocacy
Gillette	Mobile Outreach Clinic
Girl Scouts	Adult Development
Girl Scouts	Outreach
Willmar Community Education & Recreation	Partners Promoting School Success
Willmar Community Education & Recreation	Scholarships
Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center	Building Community
Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center	Everyone Outside
Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center	Time Travel
Salvation Army	Mobile Meals Program
Youth for Christ	The Dangerous 20
West Central Traumatic Brain Injury	Wheel Safe
Kandiyohi County YMCA	Mentor Program
Kandiyohi County YMCA	Day Camp Partners
United Way of West Central Minnesota	Imagination Library
United Way of West Central Minnesota	Youth as Resources
United Way of West Central Minnesota	Growmobile

Independence

Bethesda	Adult Day Services
West Central Industries	Meals on Wheels
Glen Oaks	Adult Day Services
ARC Kandiyohi County	
Let's Go Fishing	
Luthern Social Services	Senior Meal Program
Lutheran Social Services	Respite Programs
Lutheran Social Services	Financial Counseling

Families

Shelter House	Shelter & Advocacy
Shelter House	Intervention Project
Shelter House	Hispanic Outreach
Western Minnesota Legal Services	Legal Services
Lutheran Social Services	Counseling
Rice Hospital	Rice Grief Center
Willmar Public Schools	Child Guides
New London Spicer Schools	Scholarships Early Childhood Family Education
Willmar Community Education & Recreation	Family Literacy
Compassionate Friends	Support Group