

JULY-SEPT 2020

PROGRAM GRANT INVESTMENTS: \$44,450

STRONGER UNITED

## EDUCATION: \$15,500

United Way's Education investments strategically build a child's chances for educational success from birth through high school by bolstering academics, building leadership skills, and promoting social well-being.

### BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB - \$6,000

Providing Deer River, Grand Rapids, and Greenway school age children with a safe and engaging place that fosters academic success, good character, and healthy lifestyles.

### ITASCA COUNTY FAMILY YMCA - \$5,250

**Early Child Learning:** Providing families with high-quality early child education scholarships.

**Youth Scholarships:** Providing families with high-quality youth education programming scholarships.

### PROJECT READ - \$1,250

Promoting the value of reading daily to children and providing resources to help families raise successful readers.

### YOUTH FOR CHRIST - \$3,000

**Campus Life:** Providing opportunities for teens in Deer River, Grand Rapids, and Greenway to grow physically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually.

## HEALTH & WELL-BEING: \$12,125

United Way's Health investments provides children and adults resources for living full, productive lives through programs that address mental health, physical health, and promote healthy lifestyles.

### BIGFORK VALLEY - \$1,000

Providing safe, timely, and affordable transportation for aging adults.

### ELDERCIRCLE - \$5,750

**Adult Day Respite:** Providing respite care for caregivers and a safe, supportive environment for people who require supervised care.

**Assisted Transportation:** Providing transportation to health appointments for aging adults.

**In-Home Support:** Providing companionship, respite to caregivers, homemaking and home management help, as well as assistance with personal cares.

**RSVP:** Providing volunteer opportunities for ages 55 and over for the betterment of their community and themselves.

**HOME VISITOR:** Providing aging services, community resource education, health assessments, and safety.

### ITASCA COUNTY FAMILY YMCA - \$625

**Active Living Center:** Multi-generational space that offers educational, recreational, social, and wellness programming for ages 55 and over.

### ITASCA WELLNESS COURT - \$1,000

A rehabilitation program, combining alcohol and drug treatment to break the cycle of addiction for offenders.

### KIESLER WELLNESS CENTER - \$2,000

A peer-driven community supporting recovery for individuals impacted by mental illness.

### PROJECT CARE - \$1,750

A free outpatient clinic providing access to care, preventative education, and advocacy services for underinsured.

## INCOME & BASIC NEEDS: \$16,825

United Way's Income & Basic Needs pathway strategically empowers people to solve their problems and achieve independence through programs that build financial stability and address basic food, shelter, and safety needs.

### ADVOCATES FOR FAMILY PEACE - \$2,500

Providing emergency refuge, counseling and advocacy services to individuals experiencing domestic violence.

### BIGFORK FOOD SHELF - \$625

Providing hunger relief for people living in the Bigfork area.

### DEER RIVER FOOD SHELF - \$1,200

Providing hunger relief for people living in the Deer River area.

### FIRST CALL / UNITED WAY 211 - \$1,375

2-1-1 Information referral line connects people to essential resources. Available 24/7.

### GRACE HOUSE HOMELESS SHELTER - \$2,500

Providing emergency shelter for homeless families and individuals linking them to appropriate social services, employment, and housing.

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - \$3,000

**Home Preservation Program:** Providing maintenance assistance to low-income homeowners by ensuring safe, decent, and healthy homes and property.

## OTHER IMPACT PROGRAMS

In addition to funding programs in Education, Health, and Income, United Way manages a number of programs and initiatives that reach across all three areas to help the community.

### 5-2-1-0 PLAYSTATIONS

Providing free-to-use sports and play equipment in local parks to promote health.

### AMERICORPS PROMISE FELLOW PROGRAM

Providing one-on-one academic assistance to help students stay on track to graduation.

### BONFIRE - VOLUNTEER INITIATIVE

A tool (volunteer.uwlakes.org) that connects community members with nonprofits.

### DAY OF ACTION

Bringing volunteers together around a community improvement project each June.

### NONPROFIT RESOURCE LIBRARY

A free library of tools and resources for area nonprofits and community organizations.

### HEALTH & HYGIENE DRIVE

Providing personal hygiene items to help children and adults meet their basic needs.

### STUFF THE BUS SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

Providing students and teachers with the supplies needed for success in school.