

# ITASCA AREA COMMUNITY RESPONSE FUND: \$156K

With the Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation, United Way of 1000 Lakes created the Itasca Area Community Response Fund to support organizations that work with people who may be most negatively affected by COVID-19.

Learn more at [uwlakes.org/covid-19-resources/](https://uwlakes.org/covid-19-resources/)

## ROUND I RECIPIENTS: \$42,750

### ACCESSIBLE SPACE, INC. – MOSES

**RESIDENCE (\$1,000):** Funds supported sanitizing and PPE equipment, limiting exposure to the virus for its residents.

### BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF GRAND RAPIDS

**AND GREENWAY (\$5,000):** Funds helped with increased summer operational costs due to COVID-19, allowing area youth to access academic and social enrichment.

### FRIENDS OF THE GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY – INTERACTIVE PRE-SCHOOL

**STORYTIME (\$2,500):** Funds enabled the library to continue providing pre-school development to area children through virtual and remote storytelling programs.

### ITASCA YOUTH FOR CHRIST – CAMPUS LIFE

**(\$15,000):** Funds fostered social and emotional growth among students in Greenway, Grand Rapids, and Deer River schools.

**RED CROSS (\$3,750):** Funds helped ensure continued collection and safety to blood drives by providing antibody testing for local donors.

### REIF CENTER – YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAM

**(\$3,000):** Funds provided health screening tools to ensure safe dance and theater education programming for area youth.

### SECOND HARVEST NORTH CENTRAL FOOD

**BANK (\$10,000):** Funds helped with costs associated with the increased demand for food assistance in the Itasca area during COVID-19.

### UNITED WAY OF 1000 LAKES – SUMMER MEAL

**MEET-UPS (\$2,500):** Funds helped fight food insecurity among school-age children in Cohasset and Hill City by serving fresh and nutritious bag lunches to kids.

## ROUND II RECIPIENTS: \$75,028

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF GRAND RAPIDS AND GREENWAY (\$12,500):** Funds supported operational costs, allowing the clubs to provide consistent youth development programming.

### BUCK LAKE IMPROVEMENT CLUB (\$5,300):

Funds supported operational costs, allowing the club to continue offering winter programming.

**DEER RIVER FIREMANS RELIEF ASSOCIATION (\$5,000):** Funds filled the gap created by canceled fundraisers, allowing club to stay operational.

### DEER RIVER WARRIOR ATHLETIC BOOSTER

**CLUB (\$2,100):** Funds helped make up for revenue lost to cancellations.

### EDGE OF THE WILDERNESS DISCOVERY

**CENTER (\$1,750):** Funds helped the Center recover from revenue lost in 2020.

**GRAND ITASCA FOUNDATION (\$11,200):** Funds supported a Home Care telehealth program, helping patients receive medical care safely from home.

### GRAND RAPIDS FARMERS MARKET (\$2,500):

Funds supported the Market's Power of Produce Program (PoP), which gives children a chance to learn about local agriculture.

### GREAT MINDS LEARNING CENTER – (\$4,000):

Funds helped at-risk students improve their reading and comprehension skills.

**GREAT TAILS ANIMAL RESCUE (\$4,300):** Funds helped the cause continue their foster program in the wake of cancelled fundraisers.

### KOOTASCA COMMUNITY ACTION (\$7,500):

Funds provided technology and Internet service to families in need, supporting distance-learning, telemedicine services, and connectivity.

### MARCELL FAMILY CENTER (\$1,500):

Funds supported community building operations in the wake of lost revenue.

### NASHWAUK-KEEWATIN SCHOOLS (\$3,378):

Funds supplied the school district with masks and sanitizing supplies for students and teachers.

### PROJECT CARE FREE CLINIC (\$9,000):

Funds allowed clinic to continue providing healthcare and medication assistance to uninsured residents.

### UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GRAND RAPIDS – OPEN DOOR COAT RACK (\$5,000):

Funds supported the Open Door Coat Rack, which equips youth with outerwear for the winter.

## ROUND III RECIPIENTS: \$38,500

**THE COMMUNITY CAFE (\$10,000):** Funds helped with operational expenses necessary to meet the increased nutritional needs of residents.

### DEER RIVER HEALTHCARE VOLUNTEERS

**(\$7,500):** Funds alleviated the effects of lost revenue from closures and cancellations.

### FORWARD HEALTH FOUNDATION (\$8,000):

Funds supported the purchase of a vehicle for use by a Community Care Paramedic in Deer River and the surrounding areas.

### GRAND RAPIDS AREA FRIENDS OF THE

**LIBRARY (\$3,000):** Funds supported a winter reading program for children and adults.

### ISD #318: EAST RAPIDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**(\$5,000):** Funds supported the purchase of equipment for the school's Grow in Snow program.

### SUPPORT WITHIN REACH (\$5,000):

Funds offset the cost of equipment purchased to enable staff to work remotely.

## ROUND IV RECIPIENTS: \$37,500

**ANGEL FUND (\$3,000):** Funds allowed the Angel Fund to continue providing support to patients.

### ITASCA COUNTY FAMILY YMCA (\$10,000):

Funds allowed the YMCA to continue serving the needs of all ages during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### LEGAL AID OF NORTHEASTERN MINNESOTA

**(\$4,000):** Funds helped to provide legal help to low-income clients in the face of an anticipated wave of post-moratorium evictions.

**MOOSE LODGE 2023 (\$5,000):** Funds helped cover operating costs in the wake of shutdowns.

### NORTHERN COMMUNITY RADIO (\$4,000):

Funds covered the cost of equipment needed for staff to effectively work remotely.

**PROJECT CARE (\$1,500):** Funds helped cover the cost of PPE equipment.

**THE REIF CENTER (\$4,500):** Funds helped provide accessible programming to combat social isolation in older adults.

**SUPPORT WITHIN REACH (\$5,500):** Funds helped build capacity as they continue the work of providing sexual violence advocacy and building awareness.

JULY 2020-JUNE 2021

PROGRAM GRANT INVESTMENTS: \$150K+

## EDUCATION: \$56,150

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 - \$23,100

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 - \$19,550

**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 - \$2,500

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

### YOUTH FOR CHRIST - \$11,000

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

## HEALTH & WELL-BEING: \$35,200

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

### BIGFORK VALLEY - \$1,000

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

### ELDERCIRCLE - \$20,650

**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 residents 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 - \$1,250

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

### ITASCA WELLNESS COURT - \$3,700

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 - \$6,600

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

## INCOME & BASIC NEEDS: \$64,800

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 - \$9,700

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

### BIGFORK FOOD SHELF - \$2,450

Providing hunger relief for people living in the Bigfork area.

### DEER RIVER FOOD SHELF - \$4,700

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

### FIRST CALL / UNITED WAY 211 - \$5,500

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

### GRACE HOUSE HOMELESS SHELTER - \$9,700

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

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - \$11,000

#### Home Preservation Program:

Providing maintenance assistance to low-income homeowners to ensure safe, decent, and healthy homes and property.

### KOOTASCA - \$7,250

**Crisis Housing:** Providing stable housing to adults/families while they improve their job standing or education and increase assets.

### SUPPORT WITHIN REACH - \$14,500

Providing prevention education counseling and advocacy services for sexual assault and exploitation victims and their families.

## 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 focus areas to help the community.

### 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 nonprofit needs.

### 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.

### 5-2-1-0 PLAYSTATIONS

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