FY 2021-2022 PROGRAM GRANT INVESTMENTS: $157K+

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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 physically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually.

HEALTH & WELL-BEING: $36,200

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.

ELDERCIRCLE - $21,650

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 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.

PROJECT CARE - $7,600

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

INCOME & BASIC NEEDS: $66,800

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 - $10,700

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

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - $12,000

Home Preservation Program: Providing maintenance assistance to low-income homeowners by ensuring 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.

UNITED WAY IMPACT INITIATIVES

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.

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

Provide 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 health.