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United Way of Douglas
& Pope Counties



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DIRECTORS NOTES

Dear Friends,

What comes to mind when you think of superheroes? Superman, Wonder Woman, or maybe the Avengers? Most often a fictional character is what we identify with as a superhero. A superhero is defined as a character who possesses superhuman powers and who is dedicated to fighting crime, protecting the public, and usually battling super-villains.

The strength of our community doesn't come from superhuman powers, but from **EVERYDAY SUPERHEROES**. Forget about super speed, invisibility or the ability to fly. The many amazing qualities of each of YOU are what make the difference in the lives of the families in Douglas & Pope Counties.

It is through your **KINDNESS** and **GENEROSITY** that children have food for the weekend through Backpack Attack and almost 300 households receive food at our monthly Mobile Food Drops.

It is because of your **GENEROUS GIFTS** that we are able to promote and support literacy through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and our Traveling Tree House.

It is your donation of **TIME and TALENT** that provides opportunities and resources to create a better future and offer a helping hand to someone in need through our Community Impact Programs and Partner Agencies.

Thank you for putting on your cape and sharing your super powers! You are the everyday heroes that make an impact in our community. You make a difference in the lives of the people who live here. Your heart is what fuels the future and opens doors to opportunities. I am so thankful for the amazing team that I work with, the agencies and organizations we partner with and the support of the donors and volunteers who are dedicated to making a difference in Douglas & Pope Counties.

I look forward to the many ways we will continue to work TOGETHER to fight for the education, health and financial stability of every person in our community!



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OVERVIEW

2016/2017 OVERVIEW:

Theme: *EVERYDAY SUPERHEROES*

Scan to watch our Campaign Video:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=ogoe3lfpZm0&t=1s

Dollars Invested:

Health: 35%

Education: 33%

Financial Stability: 32%



MISSION:

We are changing the game by connecting people, resources and ideas to promote individual self-sufficiency through investments in education, financial stability and health.

VALUES:

STEWARDSHIP: Creating an environment of responsible generosity and service to all.

TRUSTWORTHY: Building relationships with integrity, authenticity, respect, kindness, transparency and accountability.

RESPECT: Honoring the importance of all individuals and treating everyone with dignity.

COMMUNITY COLLABORATION: Working collectively and cooperatively with others.

INNOVATION: Striving to always improve and commit to seeking excellence in everything we do.

CURRENT STAFF:



Jen Jabas, Executive Director | Maria Haug, Accountant & Volunteer Coordinator
Kris Chisholm, Fundraising and Special Event Coordinator | Kendall Brickweg, Marketing & Communications Coordinator

2016/2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:



BACK ROW: Philip Falcon, Ryan Carns, Tom Wacholz, Ryan Donovan, Terry Kennedy, Carl Vaagenes, FRONT ROW: Karla Noetzelman, Glenn Miller, Rick Sansted, Becky Zwilling, Judy Backhaus, Sandy Tubbs, Jen Jabas NOT PICTURED: Bill Finley, Dave Lamb, Mike Loge and Ashley Lardy

ACCREDITATION:



COMMUNITY IMPACT

COORDINATED BY UNITED WAY OF DOUGLAS & POPE COUNTIES. THESE PROGRAMS ARE HOW WE INVEST LOCAL DOLLARS TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC COMMUNITY CENTERED ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES.

1/2 PINT

Half Pint provides a 1/2 pint of milk at milk break for kindergarten students whose families are unable to afford it.

HOLIDAY GIFT DISTRIBUTION

Assists local families in stretching their dollars by assisting with providing holiday gifts for local children.

BACKPACK ATTACK

The Backpack Attack program provides hungry students a child-friendly bag of supplemental food to take home over the weekend. Distribution of food bags is done discretely through participating local schools.

COMMUNITY IMPACT COALITION*

A group of local non-profit organizations focused on making an impact in the community by addressing critical issues identified by the community.

DAY OF CARING*

8th Grade students from Discovery Middle School spend the day taking on different volunteer projects within our communities.

DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY

This program sends out a new age appropriate book on a monthly basis to registered children until their 5th birthday.

ESSENTIALS OF NONPROFIT TRAINING*

This group comes together to bring engaging training and education opportunities to central Minnesota area nonprofits.

FAMILYWIZE

Prescription cards for individuals who have no or limited insurance or medications not covered by their current insurance. FamilyWize cards work like a buying group to help reduce costs.

GET CONNECTED*

Connects community members with agencies in an effort to fill volunteer needs within our communities.

HEAT A HOME

Heat a Home provides wood to households who use firewood as a source of heat.

MOBILE FOOD DROP

The Mobile Food Drop is a free monthly food distribution event in both Douglas & Pope County that is available to all residents.

PLANT AN EXTRA ROW

Plant an Extra Row encourages gardeners to plant additional produce with the intention of donating it. Donations received are placed on a produce cart outside of United Way and made available to residents.

STUFF THE BUS

A community-wide effort to collect new school supplies for children in Douglas and Pope Counties. Registered children are provided a new backpack filled with the needed school supplies.

TRAVELING TREE HOUSE

The Traveling Tree House is a mobile learning center, staffed with educators, that provides educational programming over the summer months to community neighborhoods.

COAT DISTRIBUTION

We collect coats, blankets and cold weather accessories for our community coat room. Those in need are able to pick up items free of charge.

HEALTH

ALEXANDRIA AREA UNCOMPENSATED CARE PLAN

Provides access to medical care if a client is unable to pay for it.

ELDER NETWORK

Helping seniors live independently by meeting emotional, social, mental health and respite care needs.

LAKES AREA RECREATION

Scholarship program that offers children the opportunity to participate in activities.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF MN

COUNSELING: Services that ensure safe homes & hopeful futures for a family
INCREDIBLE YEARS PARENTING: Parent education and supportive services for families with preschool age children.

IN HOME PROGRAM: Family based service, centered around prevention, intervention, and treatment for those who are in crisis and/or have a child at risk of out of home placement.

SOMEPLACE SAFE (DOUGLAS & POPE)

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Crisis assistance and advocacy for individuals impacted by physical or sexual abuse.

PARENTING TIME CENTER

A safe exchange and visitation location for parents to conduct supervised visits.

UCAN

Promotes community awareness that all citizens have a responsibility to prevent, promote and provide a safe community.

VILLAGE FAMILY SERVICE CENTER

Quality education & counseling encompassing an array of services in both in and out patient settings.

WCMCA

COOKING MATTERS: Cooking course that teaches low-income families how to prepare healthy meals on a budget.

PLUS KIDS: A safe exchange and visitation location for parents to conduct supervised visits.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING: Provides temporary housing for households who are homeless and in need of assistance in establishing stable housing.

HEALTH: IMPROVING PEOPLE'S EMOTIONAL, MENTAL AND PHYSICAL WELL-BEING. OUTCOME: 1) IMPROVE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE AND QUALITY PHYSICAL, METAL AND DENTAL HEALTH CARE. 2) INCREASE INDEPENDENT LIVING AND QUALITY OF LIFE BY INVESTING IN PROGRAMS THAT HELP OLDER ADULTS AND THOSE LIVING WITH DISABILITIES. 3) INCREASE ACCESS TO PROGRAMS THAT TEACH HEALTHY BEHAVIORS AND PROMOTE WELLNESS TO PREVENT FUTURE PROBLEMS.

PARTNER AGENCIES

Alexandria Area Uncompensated Care Plan

\$5,000

Elder Network \$12,000

Lakes Area Recreation \$9,000

(Scholarship Program)

Lutheran Social Services \$15,000

(Counseling programs)

Lutheran Social Services \$11,200

(Incredible Years Parenting)

Lutheran Social Services \$8,640

(In Home Family programs)

Someplace Safe \$13,800

(Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault programs)

Someplace Safe \$5,000

(Parenting Time Center)

UCAN \$1,000

Village Family Service Center \$20,000

(Out Patient Counseling program)

WCMCA \$4,600

(Cooking Matters)

WCMCA \$23,400

(Plus Kids)

WCMCA \$9,000

(Transitional Housing)

COMMUNITY IMPACT

1/2 Pint \$1,248

** Items marked are additional ways we make an impact in the community.*



EDUCATION



ALEXANDRIA AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

STUDY SKILLS: Academic support and personal connections in grades 6-8.

ALEXANDRIA FAMILY SCHOOL

Educational/ therapeutic information to enhance parent/family skills.

BOY SCOUTS

Youth educational program that fosters the development of character and citizenship.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES (DOUGLAS & POPE)

FOSTER GRANDPARENTS:

Intergenerational relationships for children with special needs through mentoring of children by adults 55 or older.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

YOUTH ENRICHMENT: Summer recreational opportunity for children too old for daycare and too young to stay home alone unsupervised.

MENTORING: Community based, school based and group mentoring programs.

EDUCATION: HELPING CHILDREN AND YOUTH TO REACH THEIR POTENTIAL. OUTCOME: 1) INCREASE CHILDREN AND YOUTH'S ACCESS TO ENRICHED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES. 2) ENSURE THAT CHILDREN ARE FULLY PREPARED FOR KINDERGARTEN OR AGE APPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT. 3) INCREASE EARLY GRADE LITERACY FOR STUDENTS K-3.

ECFE

BRANDON, EVANSVILLE ECFE

MINNEWASKA ECFE

OSAKIS ECFE

Early childhood family educational programming that aims to have each Child ready for Kindergarten.

GIRL SCOUTS

Program for girls that builds courage, confidence, and character, making the world a better place.

THE WINDMILL PROJECT (DOUGLAS & POPE)

Support for families with special needs children that present challenges to learning and/or activities of daily living.

YMCA

Daycare facility with services to assist children with special needs and/or challenging behaviors. Assists low-income families with child care costs.

PARTNER AGENCIES

Alexandria Area Public Schools \$13,000
(Study Skills program)

Alexandria Family School \$16,150

Boy Scouts \$3,500
(Northern Lights Council)

Catholic Charities \$4,200
(Foster Grandparent Program)

Community Education \$5,040
(Youth Enrichment program)

Community Education \$14,000
(Mentoring program)

ECFE \$4,000
(Brandon, Evansville)

ECFE \$8,000
(Minnewaska)

ECFE \$3,000
(Osakis)

Girl Scouts \$3,250
(of MN and WI)

Windmill Project \$5,000

YMCA \$6,500

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Dolly Parton Imagination Library \$30,004

Stuff the Bus \$1,612

Traveling Tree House \$14,206

FINANCIAL STABILITY

LEGAL SERVICES OF NORTHWEST

MINNESOTA (DOUGLAS & POPE)

Legal services for those in serious need, based on issues such as low income, domestic violence protection, legal education of tenants, and housing rights.

NORTH COUNTRY FOOD BANK, INC.

(DOUGLAS & POPE)

Low cost, quality food and non-food products distributed to member agencies, along with education about hunger.

SALVATION ARMY

Temporary and emergency assistance for individuals and families (including but not limited to groceries, utilities, clothing, furniture, fuel, diapers, medications, transportation, auto repair, etc.)

INCOME: PROMOTING FINANCIAL STABILITY LEADING TOWARDS INDEPENDENCE. OUTCOME: 1) PROMOTE ACCESS TO PROGRAMS THAT HELP INCREASE ASSETS, ACHIEVE STABILIZATION, AND/OR PROVIDE JOB TRAINING TO IMPROVE EMPLOYABILITY. 2) HELP INDIVIDUALS GAIN FINANCIAL LITERACY SKILLS. 3) ENSURE THE BASIC HUMAN SERVICE NEEDS ARE MET.

PARTNER AGENCIES

North Country Food Bank \$27,680

Legal Services of NW MN \$11,400

Salvation Army \$13,000

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Backpack Attack \$37,529

Holiday Gift Distribution \$489

Mobile Food Drop \$31,293



Top: Volunteers Jill and Michele work at the Mobile Food Drop. Bottom: Staff members Kris (left) and Jen (right) pictured with Dr. Jerod Ochsendorf picking up holiday gifts collected for local kids at Achieve Wellness.

LEADERS IN GIVING

Tocqueville (\$10,000+) -----
 Eich, Donald & Patricia
 Ekstrand Family
Diamond (\$7,500-\$9,999) ----
 Strahan, Gary & Jill
 Vestrum, Harley & Jeannie
Platinum (\$5,000-\$7,499)-----
 Anderson, Vernon & Judith
 Anonymous
 Schabel, Thomas & Kristi
Gold (\$3,500-\$4,999) -----
 2 Anonymous
 Schroeder, Christine
 Wosepka, Tom & Kelly
Silver (\$2,000-\$3,499) -----
 Backhaus, Lee & Judy
 Finley, Bill & Jenna
 Hennen, Anthony & Phyllis
 Kopitzke, Mike & Deloris
 Meyer, Nate & Sharlo
 Timmerman, Eric & Lisa
 Werpy, David
Titanium (\$1,000-\$1,999)-----
 3 Anonymous
 Bakewell, Roger & Sheryl
 Baumgartner, Mark
 Beck, Dean & Joyce
 Berg, Darren & Kristen
 Bigger, Jeff & Julie
 Brand, Jeff & Bonnie
 Bristow, Mike & Jean

Carns, Ryan & Jody
 Eidsvold, Jim & Anne
 Eidsvold, Tom & Joan
 Good, Heather & Charley
 Green, Shawn & Roxanne
 Haug, Andrew
 Howell, Ken & Jeanne
 Illies, Marc & Sara
 Iserman, Brent & Molly
 Jabas, Jamie & Jen
 Kleinschmidt, Abby
 Klimek, Brian & Nicole
 Krippner, Dan & Andria
 Kuhlmann, Judy
 Larson, Barb & Ronald
 Longbotham, Steve & Sandra
 Johnson
 Mammel Family Foundation
 Moberg, Ken & Theresa
 Nachbor Harstad, Steve &
 Jane
 Olson, Newman & Sonya
 Restad, Jeff
 Shaskey-Setright, Carl & Jody
 Simonson, Corey & Michelle
 Urke, Jill & Brent
 Vaagenes, Carl & Kristen
 Van Hout, Lawrence & Lisa
 Zimny, Anthony
 Zwilling, Craig & Rebecca
Bronze (\$750-\$999) -----

3 Anonymous
 Bianco, Joanne
 Brejcha, Brad & April
 Hunter, Neal & Laurie
 Janssen, Scott & Kellie
 Johnson, Daniel
 Kent, David & Ronda
 Kuhn, Jeff & Beth
 Lamb, Dave & Melonee
 Landman, Kirk & Jane
 Myren, Daren
 Paulsen, Rick & Sandy
 Peters, Todd
 Roeder, Christopher
 Schmidt, Tresa
 Shjerve, Larry & Leslie
 Thomas, Roger
 Zimny, Daniel & Colleen
Copper (\$500-\$749) -----
 Anderson, Jack & Edith
 Anderson, Robert & Marcia
 Angell, Peggy
 15 Anonymous
 Battey, David & Lucie
 Baustian, Brian & Patti
 Beebout, Lance
 Bitzan, Dennis & Tara
 Bomstad, Ben
 Bush, Tim & Terri
 Chisholm, Kristofor & Megan
 Cosby, Leonard

Dischler, Helen
 Ellingson, Phillip L.
 Erickson, Dale & Lorna
 Flaig, William & Barbara
 Friederichs, Robert & Barb
 Fuller, Roger
 Graham, Thomas & Sharyn
 Gray, David & Becky
 Grundman, James & Ruth
 Hanson, Jody
 Hasz, Doug & Nancy
 Haug, Stephen & Kathleen
 Haugen, Chris & Nanette
 Henrickson, Stuart & Evelyn
 Heseltine, Steve & Stephanie
 Hjelle, Diane
 Hoffman, Brian & Sandra
 Hook, Ashley
 Houska, Doug & Dawn
 Jackson, Vern & Paula
 Jodsaas, Vicki
 Johnson, Donald & Judy
 Kaliher, Daniel
 Keeley, Rebecca
 Kluver, Mike & Lynette
 Koep Maday, Brenda
 Kohorst, Loni
 Langseth, Daniel & Pamela
 Larson, David & Cheryl
 Lauer, Kevin & Dana
 Lesner, Nathan

Loken, John & Carolyn
 Lutterman, Wayne & Janet
 Mages, Jim & Tricia
 Meyers, Al
 Miller, Glenn & Ann
 Mohror, Keri
 Moorman, Garty & Deb
 Neils, Craig
 Nelson, Peter & Kari
 Pappenfus, Larry & Beth
 Peterman, Thomas & Shelby
 Quist, Terry & Susan
 Rohr, Kent & Cindy
 Runck, Kim & Del Mari
 Rutten, Jerry & Marie
 Sellnow, David
 Sherman, Cleone
 Shockman, Caleb
 Stich, Jason & Jennifer
 Stier, Virginia
 Strong, Scott
 Swenson, Kelly
 Syverson, Gary & Nancy
 Tegels, Jason
 Thoen, Randy & Melody
 Threinen, Scott
 Tschida, June & Les
 Tubbs, Sandra
 Unger, Joe & Michelle
 Wacholz, Tom & Beth
 Watts, Raymond & Wendy

CORPORATE GIVING

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(Defined as financial gift that does not include in-kind gifts)

3M
 Aagard Group, LLC
 Alexandria Industries
 Alexandria Lions Club
 Alexandria Veterinary Clinic
 Bell State Bank & Trust
 Bernicks Co
 Blackridge Bank
 Bremer Bank
 Bremer Bank (Starbuck)
 Brenton Engineering
 Calvary Lutheran Church
 City of Osakis
 Click & Give
 Dakota Supply Group
 Douglas Machine
 Douglas Machine Foundation
 Douglas Scientific
 Ferguson Brothers Excavating
 First Congregational UCC
 Gate City Bank
 Geneva Capital LLC
 Glenwood Lutheran Church

Glenwood Rotary Club
 Heart & Hands Food Shelf
 ITW Heartland
 Lake Community Church
 Lions Club of Carlos Minnesota
 LPL Financial
 Massman Automation Designs, LLC
 Mid-State Hydraulic & Machine
 Mills Fleet Farm
 Mortenson Construction
 Nodland Construction Co., Inc.
 Nutra-Blend LLC
 Osakis Chamber of Commerce
 Osakis Lutheran Church - Rebekah
 Circle
 Pope County Farm Bureau
 Association
 Rotary
 Runestone Electric Association
 Sanford Medical Center
 Thawzall, LLC
 The Faction
 The Klick Foundation
 Trinity Lutheran Women of the ELCA
 UMACRAO
 US Bank

IN-KIND

Arrowwood
 3M
 Broadway Ballroom
 CliftonLarsonAllen
 Echo Press
 Fish Addictions
 Foster Grandparents - Catholic
 Charities
 Geneva Capital
 Geneva Golf Club
 H Boyd Nelson
 Henry's Foods
 KXRA
 New Life Christian Church

VOLUNTEERS

226 Volunteers
 4,366 Hours



Partner Agency, Legal Services of NW MN, collect donated Christmas gifts through our Holiday Gift distribution program that serves local kids.

AFFINITY GROUPS

Women United Ignite Change: It's in our nature to protect fervently and fight fiercely for the people and causes we care about. We have an innate ability to communicate and get to the underlying issue. And we have an undeniable determination to do something about it.

As an integral part of United Way, Women United® fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in every community.

Our Purpose Locally: Our purpose in Douglas and Pope Counties is to mobilize women, by connecting women who care with causes that matter. Our mission is to help local children become educated, empowered and elevated. We do this by focusing on childhood literacy.

In 2016/2017 Women United helped to fund our Traveling Tree House and created 6 Little Libraries for childrens books.



AUDITED FINANCIALS

2016/2017 MEMBERS:

Abby Deterding	Carrie Brecht	Diane Henry	Julie Resch	Nan Haggerty
Amy Allen	Chelsie Tatge	Diane Nelson	Kathy Patton	Pam Carlson
Amy Wensman	Chris Schroeder	Evelyn Henrickson	Kellie Janssen	Pam Langseth
Angie Krebs	Cindy Wagner	Holly Witt	Kelly Wosepka	Patty Marriott
Anne Eidsvold	Claire Anderson	Jayne Sahli	KrisAnn Carlsen	Rose Shorma
Anne Hoefgen	Connie Good	Jean Bristow	Laura Urban	Roxie Green
Barb Flaig	Corliss Stark	Jen Jabas	Linda Akenson	Ruth Obert
Becky Zwilling	Darla Harstad	Jessica Boyer	Lori Canavati	Sally Smith
Bonnie Brand	Deb Trumm	Jill Urke	Lynn Jenc	Sandy Susag
Carmon Watkins	Debbie Hoven	Jody Shaskey-Setright	Lynnette Gearman	Sandy Tubbs
Carol Meissner	Deena Steffl	Judy Backhaus	Mary Butler	Shari Laven
Carol Wenner	Del Mari Runck	Julie Critz	Michelle Steele	Shari Maloney

Sharlo Meyer
Sonja Kuhn
Susan Flynn
Susan Scarborough
Tara Bitzan
Tricia Mages