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**United Way of Douglas  
& Pope Counties**

## **How Your Donation Helps**

- **\$3,000 annually or \$57 per week buys one semi of food for the food drop.**
- **\$408 annually or \$7.85 per week provides school supplies for 12 children.**
- **\$168 annually or \$3.23 per week supplies food for two families at the food drop each month for a year.**
- **\$140 annually or \$2.69 per week provides milk for ten local school children at milk breaks for the entire school year.**
- **\$126 annually or \$2.42 per week will provide a hungry child with a weekend bag of food throughout the school year.**
- **\$52 annually or \$1 per week will guarantee that one child will have access to the Traveling Tree House for 10 weeks. Allowing them to have 90 minutes of educational programming and a child friendly meal.**
- **\$31.20 annually or \$.60 a week gives books to 1 child every month for a year through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.**
- **\$28.00 annually or \$.53 a week provides advocacy services for Douglas and Pope domestic violence victims for one hour.**

# Inter-office email templates



Thank you for investing in your community through United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties!

67 pounds=the average amount a family takes home from the Mobile Food Drop

Lack of access to adequate and nutritious food has serious implications for individuals of all ages, developmentally, physically, mentally, behaviorally, and socially.

In the last year, over 201,000 pounds of additional food was distributed to local families to supplement hunger needs, serving 6,600 people. Over the last five years, thanks to contributions from donors like you, monthly Mobile Food Drops have served 41,000 people, distributing approximately 1,118,000 pounds.

\$14 a month (\$168 annually) can support a family accessing nearly 70 lbs of supplemental food at the monthly Mobile Food Drop for an entire year. That equates to just \$.20 per/pound!

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### Support Healthy Development

Nutrition is an essential building block for student success. Healthy, active, and well-nourished children are more likely to attend school and are more prepared and motivated to learn.

Half Pint for Everyone provides a nutritional milk break for kindergarten students who are unable to afford the milk breaks at school. Milk break provides a much needed nutritional supplement and provides social and emotional development opportunities. Good nutrition stimulates learning and attentiveness, both important for developmental success.

In four years, Half Pint for Everyone has been able to serve 496 children so that they were ensured a Kindergarten milk break. With your investment, United Way is increasing nutrition and decreasing negative effects of nutrition deprivation, providing our Kindergarteners the nutritional foundation for success.

An annual gift of \$140 or \$2.69 per week provides milk for ten local children for an entire school year.

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Your Pledges Help Eliminate Some of the Hunger Filled Nights for our Local Children

When a child regularly misses a meal, it doesn't just impact their day — it impacts their future. Hunger is one of the biggest roadblocks to learning; it increases the chance for illness and puts children at higher risk of having to repeat a grade.

United Way does not want our children worrying about where their next meal is coming from.

Last year alone, over 4,400 bags of food were distributed to local children through Backpack Attack, a program which provides nutritious, child friendly food to local children to help alleviate hunger over the weekends.

Hunger Doesn't Rest on the Weekend

You can help alleviate childhood hunger.

A one-time gift of \$126 (\$2.42/week) will provide a child with a weekend bag of food throughout the school year. That equates to less than \$10 a month.

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Join United Way in creating long-lasting impact in our community in the areas of Education, Income, & Health.

Experts tell us that 51% of Minnesota's Kindergarteners are not ready to learn when they start school. By supporting United Way, you support enriched learning opportunities offered by the Traveling Tree House, a mobile learning center providing summer programming to children pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade for 10 weeks throughout the summer.

Not only does the Traveling Tree House offer literacy based learning opportunities at 11 local area parks, it also provides a nutritionally balanced meal for each child who attends, tackling hunger and the summer slide all in one location.

The Traveling Tree House served just over 1,000 children in Douglas County during its first summer. Currently in the second year of programming, numbers are on track to more than double!

You can provide summer enrichment opportunities for local children right in their own communities. \$62 (\$1.20/week) supports one child attending weekly for 10 weeks, allowing them 90 minutes of educational programming and a child friendly meal.

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Thanks for investing in United Way. You are touching lives and impacting our communities in many positive ways.

An estimated 18 million young people - nearly half the population of youth between ages 6 and 18 - live in situations that put them at risk of not living up to their potential. United Way provided a strong start for 686 students last year through the Stuff the Bus program, which provides backpacks full of the required school supplies.

United Way gave backpacks filled with school supplies to 686 students in the past year.

Your one time gift of \$34 will provide one child with the necessary tools to begin the school year. Support at \$34 a month (\$7.85 per/week) and equip 12 children in need with the supplies they need to succeed.

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Your Pledge Supports Bright Futures

Did you know? Reading is the single most important skill necessary for a happy, productive, and successful life. (National Institute of Child Health and Human Development-NICHD). The ability to read creates a strong foundation for confidence, self-esteem, and the ability to more easily transition from learning to read to reading as a primary source of learning.

United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties acknowledges this and invests in early grade literacy and kindergarten readiness.

In the last year, 25,601 brand new books found homes in the arms of local children through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program, which provides a book a month to registered children ages birth through 5.

This opportunity is essential, as only 59% percent of Minnesota kindergarteners are fully ready for kindergarten in the areas of language and literacy (Minnesota School Readiness Study: Developmental Assessment at Kindergarten Entrance Fall 2010. Minnesota Department of Education, November 2011).

You can provide the gift of reading to a child for just \$30 a year, or \$.58 per/week. Or consider a monthly gift of \$25, providing monthly reading opportunities for 10 of our future leaders.

Thank you for investing in children and helping them towards a brighter future.

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Be the change you want to see in the World –Gandhi

Giving to United Way is the MOST EFFECTIVE way to help the entire community. Working together with you, United Way distributed 1,122 coats and other winter gear to residents of Douglas & Pope Counties last year. Additionally, blankets were distributed to help chase away the chill during the long winter nights.

Share the gift of warmth.

Your support of the United Way makes it all possible.  
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Through United Way's Plant an Extra Row program, 15,000 pounds of produce were gathered and distributed to residents of Douglas County last summer. By working with area gardeners, United Way was able to provide access to fresh fruit and vegetables to countless people throughout the summer growing season.

Help eliminate another hunger filled night for our families, friends & neighbors.

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Creating happy memories is possible.

You can be a part of making long lasting holiday memories by supporting United Way. Last year, 791 children received holiday gifts through United Way's Toys for Tots & Adopt a Family programs.

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By giving to United Way, you can be assured that your donation stays here to help your neighbors and community. 99 cents of every dollar donated in your county stays in your county. Passionate about a particular program or cause? You can even designate your gift to a specific agency or program.

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