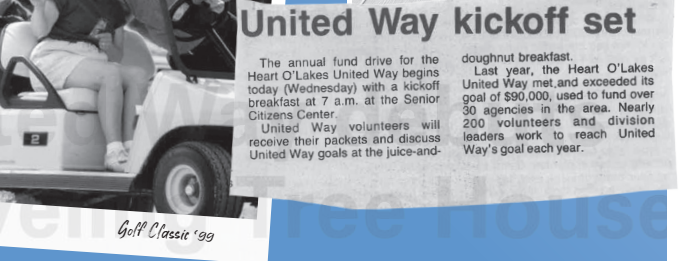




**Cha-Cha Chicken Chili wins the crown**

Annual United Way fundraiser draws crowd

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... thanked the United Way Board



**FIND HELP**



[www.211unitedway.org](http://www.211unitedway.org)

Every day 211 connects you to caring help. United Way Community Resource Specialists answer your call 24/7 and make referrals to services and programs that can help. Every call is completely confidential.

**VOLUNTEER**

[uwdp.galaxydigital.com](http://uwdp.galaxydigital.com)

Search volunteer opportunities from United Way and other local non-profits. You can create a profile, choose your favorite organizations and receive email updates when new opportunities are available.

**STAY CONNECTED**



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**THEN  
NOW  
& into the  
FUTURE**



United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties



**50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR COMMUNITY!**

*"The purpose of the United Way shall be to mobilize and stimulate the interest and participation of the citizens in behalf of worthy organizations."*

UNITED WAY HEART OF THE LAKES BY LAWS - 1974

For 50 Years United Way has been working to advance the common good of our community. First through grants, later by adding programs of our own that make a difference in Health, Education and Financial Stability.

**MISSION**

We are changing the game by connecting people, resources & ideas to promote individual self-sufficiency by investing in Health, Education and Financial Stability.

**VISION**

We **Live United**, inspiring people to make a lasting difference in the lives of all.



A large number of children out having fun in the local parks this summer might mean that the Traveling Tree House has arrived.

# THEN 1974

## FOCUS:

Health, Welfare, Character Building and Educational Programming

## HISTORY:

- 1949 – Established as a Community Chest
- 1974 – Became Heart of the Lakes United Way!

## IMPACT:

- Allocate Funds to Non-Profit Programs

# NOW 2024

## FOCUS:

Mental Health, Education, Financial Stability

## HISTORY:

- 2007 – Developed United Way Programs
- 2007 – Expanded to serve Pope County
- 2020 – Expanded to serve parts of Todd County

## IMPACT:

- Serving 2,700+ individuals
- Engaging 1,500+ Volunteers
- Coordinate United Way Programs
- Providing Grants to Non-Profit Programs

# into the FUTURE

**GIVE:** Fundraise to keep pace with current needs and build our Endowment Fund to invest in future generations

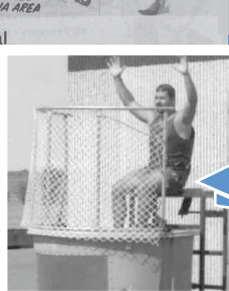
**ADVOCATE:** Fight for the Health, Education, and Financial Stability of every person in our community

**VOLUNTEER:** Mobilize the caring power of people to make a difference in the lives of local individuals and families

## United Way reaches goal

The Heart of Lakes United Way fund drive has reached its conclusion, with this year's goal reached about three weeks earlier than last year.

Stark, Larry Orloff, Dr. Lowell Emerson, Mike Ennis and Glenn Van Amber. In 1988 the Heart of Lakes United Way will fund the following agencies:



# GOALS

## IMPROVING MENTAL HEALTH

- Individuals/Families have opportunities to improve their mental health.

## PROVIDING ACCESS TO EDUCATION

- Children enter school ready and prepared to be successful.
- Youth gain the knowledge and skills to be successful in their career and future.

## MOVING TOWARDS FINANCIAL STABILITY

- Individuals/Families have opportunities for employment, enhanced financial literacy and their basic needs met. (Food, Housing Personal Safety)

# GRANTS

## MENTAL HEALTH

- Village Family Service Center, Outpatient Counseling
- Safe Families for Children
- Lutheran Social Services:
- Outpatient Counseling | Community Based Services
- WCMCA, Plus Kids
- Elder Network

## EDUCATION

- Day of Caring
- Stuff the Bus
- Traveling Tree House
- Brandon Evansville School, Early Ed Scholarships
- Alexandria Public Schools, Early Ed Access
- Minnewaska Area Schools, Little Lakers Preschool

## FINANCIAL STABILITY

- Backpack Attack
- Warm Winter Wear
- Equipped to Work
- Holiday Gift Program
- Food Drop
- Someplace Safe:
- Crime Victim Services | Parenting Time Center
- North Country Food Bank
- Legal Services of NW MN
- Life Connections
- WCMCA:
- Launch Pad | Phoenix Transitional Housing

 Symbol identifies United Way Programs

# DONATE

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

PERSONAL EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Opt in for monthly messages such as newsletters, event reminders and impact stories.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

### INDICATE PREFERRED PAYMENT METHOD:

#### 1. ONE TIME DONATION:

\$500  \$250  \$100  OTHER: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CREDIT CARD #: \_\_\_\_\_

EXPIRATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. REOCCURRING DONATION:

Make it a sustainable gift

*Please continue my gift year over year until I change it.*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ monthly

ACCOUNT #: \_\_\_\_\_

ROUTING#: \_\_\_\_\_

CREDIT CARD#: \_\_\_\_\_

EXPIRATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to remain anonymous in giving

I would like to volunteer

I would like more information about the Endowment Fund

I wish to designate my gift to:

## MAKE YOUR YEARLY DONATION ONLINE:

