

# **Programming & Resources**

We serve Douglas, Otter Tail, Pope, Todd, and Wadena Counties, offering programs and resources tailored to each community. While our mission is consistent, opportunities and needs vary, so programming may look different across the region.

# **Programming**

#### MONTHLY FOOD DROP

Our United Way Food Drop is a free supplemental grocery distribution that occurs on a rotating monthly schedule between Douglas and Pope Counites.

#### **WORK UNITED**

A United Way organized program offered through partnership with Rural MN CEP, this initiative provides vital resources to help community members gain and maintain employment.

#### WARM WINTER WEAR

Our Warm Winter Wear Collection takes place each fall and is followed by a distribution event.

#### **HOLIDAY GIFT PROGRAM**

Provides gifts to children 0-18 years old during the Holiday Season. Those wishing to receive or purchase gifts can register with our United Way office after Thanksgiving. Serving Douglas & Pope Counties.

## WEEKEND BACKPACK MEALS - Backpack Attack/Feeding Backpack

This program provides bags of supplemental food for students over the weekend throughout the school year. Available in participating Head Starts and elementary schools.

#### STUFF THE BUS

Every year the United Way team organizes the registration and distribution of new backpacks stuffed full of needed school supplies for students to start their school year with confidence. Bags are made available for pick up to registered families before the start of the school year.

#### TRAVELING TREE HOUSE

The Traveling Tree House is a mobile learning center staffed by United Way team members who are licensed educators that provides free educational programming over the summer months.

#### **DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY**

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library is a free book gifting program that mails high-quality, age-appropriate books each month to children from birth to age five. Serving Otter Tail and Wadena Counties.

#### CREW - Community Resources Engagement & Wrap Around Services

Crew is facilitated by a United Way team member who walks alongside families, helping them navigate non-academic challenges and connecting families with essential resources, from food and housing to transportation and more.

# Resources

#### **SINGLE CARE**

Prescription savings card available at the United Way office. This free resource helps to reduce the cost of prescriptions and medications regardless of income or whether or not you have health insurance coverage.

## 211

United Way's 211 directory service is a free, confidential resource that connects people to local support for needs like housing, food, mental health, and more. Our local United Way proudly supports the 211 initiative to ensure everyone in our community has access to trusted help and resources when they need it most.