

July 2020 - June 2021 "Strength in Numbers"

United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties



A letter from the Executive Director

Dear friends,

As I conclude my 6th year as Executive Director, I couldn't be more proud of all that we have accomplished together. Every day is a pleasure and honor to support the individuals and families in Douglas & Pope Counties along side of each of you!

Over the past 12 months we have served record numbers of families through our Food Drops and continued to offer 9 programs that support children and adults with their basic health, education and financial stability needs. Additionally we were able to provide 17 grants to nonprofits to support their meaningful work. This is a testament to the commitment and compassion of our partner agencies, financial supporters, our volunteers and our staff.

Our Board of Directors has developed a strategic plan that reflects our vision for a community that not only survives but thrives. Our goal is to do more than meet the needs in our community, we will strive to prevent them from existing in the first place.

While we will always address the immediate concerns, we will work harder and reach farther to create opportunities for every person. We will do this by listening to the stories with genuine compassion.

As a local United Way we look beyond the numbers and see the person. We know you and we care about you. We understand the daily challenges that are faced in homes, schools, neighborhoods and workplaces.

Our friends, families, co-workers, neighbors, and strangers have difficult times. We have changed our processes and have asked more of our supporters to continue to meet the most pressing needs in our

community. It wasn't always easy, but you responded with your generosity. You gave of your time, talents and donations and demonstrated the strength of our community!

We will be here FOR you, WITH you, and BECAUSE OF you! We LIVE UNITED and together we can do SO MUCH!

Thank you for your support of our community, I look forward to what we can achieve today, tomorrow and into the future!

Jabas

Executive Director jjabas@uwdp.org

Team Members 2020 - 2021









Team Members:

Jen Jabas Executive Director

Maria Haug Accountant & Office Manger

Kendall Brickweg Marketing & Communications

Abbey Kvidt Special Event and Program Coordinator

Mission, Vision and Values

Mission Statement

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.

Values

- Stewardship
- Trustworthy
- Respect
- Community Collaboration
- Innovation

Accreditation





Our Credo

United Way of Douglas and Pope Counties fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person in our community.

Goals

Health:

Individuals/Families have opportunities to improve their mental health.

Education:

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

Financial Stability:

Individuals/Families have opportunities for employment, enhanced financial literacy and their basic needs met.

































Board of Directors

First Row (L-R): Mark Anderson, Jamie DeBoer, Lisa De Krey (Secretary), Tom Flynn (Treasurer), Jessie Hjelle, Stephanie Howe (Vice President), Dave Lamb, Mike Loge Second Row (L-R): Glenn Miller (Past President), Todd Peterson, Brandy Quam, Rick Sansted, Corey Simonson, Sandy Tubbs, Carl Vaagenes (President), Harley Vestrum.





- 22 Grants were awarded to local non-profits
- 292 Households were served each month through Food Drops
- 433 Backpacks of school supplies were provided through Stuff the Bus
- 450 Children received food each week through Backpack Attack
- 165 Children participated in the Traveling
 Tree House over the summer
- 600 Volunteers make it possible with
 2,300 hours of their time
- Countless individuals accessed United
 Way's 211 service for information about
 local resources and support.







Health Investments



UNITED WAY GRANTS

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

- \$10,000 -

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INCREDIBLE YEARS PARENTING: Parent education and supportive services for families with preschool age children.

- \$7,000 -

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES IN HOME PROGRAM:

Family based service, centered on prevention, intervention, and treatment for those who are in crisis and/or have a child at risk of out of home placement.
- \$8,000 -

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OUT PATIENT COUNSELING: Services that ensure safe homes & hopeful futures for a family.

- \$18,000 -

UCAN

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

- \$500 -

VILLAGE FAMILY SERVICE CENTER

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

- \$19,000 -

WCMCA PLUS KIDS:

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

- \$20,000 -

UNITED WAY PROGRAMS

SINGLECARE:

*Formerly "FamilyWize"
Free prescription discount cards
for individuals who have no or
limited insurance or medications
not covered by their current
insurance.

- \$0 -

*Due to COVID-19, investments are not reflective of a typical year.

"We've always invested in improving people's emotional, mental and physical well-being but recently narrowed our focus to mental health and healing. Mental health affects how we think, feel, and act. Investing in programs that improve mental health positively impacts a person's ability to live a quality life overall."

Jen Jabas
UWDP Executive Director



Education Investments



UNITED WAY GRANTS

DISCOVERY MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDY SKILLS:

Classroom for academic support and personal connections for 8th graders.

- \$9,000 -

ALEXANDRIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMUNITY EDUCATION -LIFE LONG LEARNING:

Scholarships for preschool students.

- \$21,000 -

BOY SCOUTS:

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

- \$2,000 -

BRANDON, EVANSVILLE ECFE: Programming that aims to have each child ready for Kindergarten.

- \$3,000 -

GIRL SCOUTS:

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

- \$2,500 -

MINNEWASKA ECFE:

Programming that aims to have each child ready for Kindergarten.

- \$8,000 -

"A good education is the foundation for a better future."

Elizabeth Warren

UNITED WAY PROGRAMS

DAY OF CARING:

Day of community service projects and volunteer engagement with Discovery Middle School 8th grade students.

- \$2,182 -

STUFF THE BUS:

Program that provides registered K-12 students with new school supplies and backpacks through community collection and distribution.

- \$1,314 -
- + In-kind donations

TRAVELING TREE HOUSE: Mobile learning center, staffed with educators, that provides literacy based programing over the summer months to community neighborhoods.

- \$8,587-

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Financial Stability Investments 2020 2021



UNITED WAY GRANTS

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

- \$17,000 -

NORTH COUNTRY FOOD BANK: Low cost, quality food and non-food products distributed to member agencies at discounted rate.

- \$ 29,000 Douglas -
- \$ 8,000 Pope -

LIFE CONNECTIONS:

Helps families achieve stability by providing emergency assistance and coaching to reach further self sufficiency.

- \$5,000 -

SOMEPLACE SAFE CRIME VICTIM ADVOCACY:

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

- \$20,000 Douglas County -
- \$6,000 Pope County -

SOMEPLACE SAFE PARENTING TIME CENTER: Pope County safe exchange and

visitation spot for parents to have supervised visits.

- \$6,000 -

WCMCA

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING: Temporary housing for families with high barriers. Offers support, structure, and supervision while families seek permanent housing.

ALEXANDRIA AREA YMCA: Providing Scholarships for YMCA Childcare families who are experiencing hardship.

- \$6,000 -

- \$15,000 -

UNITED WAY PROGRAMS

BACKPACK ATTACK: Provides students with a child-friendly bag of food to take home over the weekend.

- \$58,482 -

EOUIPPED TO WORK:

Provides resources to individuals that allow them to secure employment.

- \$2,319 -

HOLIDAY GIFT PROGRAM

*Formerly "Adopt a Family" Assists local families in stretching dollars by matching them with someone who purchases holiday gifts for their kids ages 0 - 18.

- \$3,760 -
- + In-kind donations

FOOD DROPS:

Monthly food distribution event in both Douglas & Pope Counties that is available to all residents facing food insecurity.

- \$32,014 Douglas -
- \$21,483 Pope -

COAT DISTRIBUTION:

Coats and cold weather wear made available to all residents free of charge at our office. All In-kind donations

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WOMEN UNITED WAY——— WOMEN UNITED

RETIRE UNITED

Affinity Groups

As an integral part of United Way, Affinity Groups fight for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in Douglas & Pope Counties.

To learn more about Women United and Retire United: www.uwdp.org

- → Get Involved
- → Affinity Groups

Women United

Women United's mission locally is to help our children become educated, empowered and elevated by focusing on childhood literacy.

The Annual Women United Fundraiser raises dollars to support The Traveling Tree House and childhood literacy locally. The past two years our Women United Steering Committee has hosted a virtual Silent Auction in-lieu of an in-person event. In 2021 we were able to raise \$7,500 through this effort.



We are happy to report that the Traveling Tree House resumed in person this past summer with 165 kids visiting our 10 Douglas County locations each week.

Women United Members

Amy Wensman, Becky Zwilling, Bonnie Brand, Bonnie Schnell, Bria Pedraza, Carmon Watkins, Carol Meissner, Chelsie Tatge, Connie Fields, Corliss Stark, Deb Berry, Debbie Hoven, Del Mari Runck, Diane Henry, Diane Nelson, Janelle Sundberg, Jen Jabas, Jill Wagner, Judy Backhaus, KrisAnn Carlsen, Linda Akenson, Linda Anderson, Lynelle Brickweg, Pam Langseth, Ruth Obert, Sally Smith, Sandy Susag, Sandy Tubbs, Sara Illies, Sharlo Meyer, Susan Helegson, Susan Scarborough, Tara Bitzan, Valaurie Trumm.

Retire United

Retire United is a new affinity group bringing together retired individuals who share an interest in creating a better community, by volunteering, advocating and giving. Retire United is about:

- Connecting with people or a mission that you are passionate about
- Contributing to the mission! Helping to address problems by giving, advocating and volunteering.

Leaders in Giving

DIAMOND (\$7,500-\$9,999)

Ekstrand Family Vestrum, Harley & Jeannie

PLATINUM (\$5,000-\$7,499)

2 Anonymous Kopitzke, Mike & Deloris Urke, Jill & Brent

GOLD (\$3,500-\$4,999)

1 Anonymous

SILVER (\$2,000-\$3,499)

2 Anonymous
Beck, Dean & Joyce
Hennen, Anthony & Phyllis
Klimek, Brian & Nicole
Kuhlmann, Judy
Peterson, Todd & Susan
Schroeder, Christine
Shaskey-Setright, Carl & Jody
Smith, Brent & Sally
Vaagenes, Carl & Kristen
Wosepka, Tom & Kelly

TITANIUM (\$1,000-\$1,999)

5 Anonymous Akenson, Tom & Linda Baumgartner, Mark Beebout, Lance & Melani Bell, Sandy & Michele Berg, Kristen Bianco, Joanne Bigger, Jeff & Julie Bristow, Mike & Jean Bruckner, Sherry Bush, Tim & Terri Carns, Ryan & Jody Cole, Linda Dale, Dr. Paul & Karen Doering, Lee Eidsvold, Jim & Anne Eidsvold, Tom & Joan

Finley, Bill & Jenna Flesner, Lynn Flowers-Wink, Kim Good, Heather & Charley Harvey, John Haug, Andrew Henrickson, Stuart & Evelyn Henry, Stephen & Diane Hoffman, Brian & Sandra Hohn, Jeffrey Hunter, Neal & Laurie Iserman, Brent & Molly Jabas, Jamie & Jen Jodsaas, Vicki Kuhn, Jeff & Beth Larson, Mark Lenertz, Tom Lorsung, Dennis Mammel Family Foundation Meyer, Nate & Sharlo Mithun, Cindy Oleson, Benjamin Pasche, Jeanette Peters, Todd Pfeiffer, Mike & Michelle Ramos, Jorge & Stephanie Restad, Jeff Rohr, Kent & Cindy Schultz, Roger & Ruth Shockman, Caleb Simonson, Corey & Michelle Sveen, Matt & Pam Thompson, David Timmerman, Eric & Lisa Tubbs, Sandra & Robley, Dave Van Hout, Lawrence & Lisa VanderTuin, Brad & Leigha Wendlandt, Miranda Zacher, Gary & Cindy

BRONZE (\$750-\$999)

Zavadil, Justin

2 Anonymous Carstensen, Tasha Flynn, Tom & Susan Landman, Kirk & Jane

Zwilling, Craig & Rebecca

Larson, Dr. David & Cheryl Loosbrock, Anthony Miller, Glenn & Ann Pohlen, Jason & Gina Stensrud, Kirk West, Mark

COPPER (\$500-\$749)

5 Anonymous Anderson, Dianna Anderson, Jack & Edith Anderson, Linda Anderson, Mark & Sally Anderson, Robert & Marcia Angell, Peggy Berger, Erling & Theresa Bitzan, Dennis & Tara Breicha, Brad & April Carlson, Aaron Cihlar, Kym Currens, Dave DeKrey, Paul & Lisa Fernholz, Paul & Heather Flaig, William & Barbara Fruhman, Jennifer Fuller, Roger Gardner, Celeste Gugisberg, Marnie Hasz, Doug & Nancy Haug, Stephen & Kathleen Haugen, Chris & Nanette Hielle, Nate & Jessie Howe, Michael & Leone Illies, Marc & Sara Issendorf, Troy & Rhonda Jeppesen, Catherine Johnson, Donald & Judy Jones, Michele Kinney, Randy & Cathy Kleinschmidt, Abby Kluver, Mike & Lynette Kohorst, Loni Kompelner, Ryan Lamb, Dave & Melonee Langseth, Daniel & Pamela Larson, Barb & Ronald

LeBrasseur, Kathryn

Leaders in Giving

COPPER continued (\$500-\$749)

Kohorst, Loni Kompelner, Ryan Lamb, Dave & Melonee Langseth, Daniel & Pamela Larson, Barb & Ronald LeBrasseur, Kathryn Lindoo, Jeff & Janna Lutterman, Janet & Wavne Malingen, Mark Martin, Dan Martinson, Paul & Anna McCarten, Paul Meissner, Carol & Harold Mess, Brooke Ann Miller, Dennis & Bonnie Mohabir, Kathleen Molitor, Ronald Moorman, Deb & Gary Mortenson, LaNita Neils, Craig

Nelson, Peter & Kari Nielsen, Mitchell Olson, Timothy Olson-Loy, Douglas & Sandra Pappenfus, Larry & Beth Paradis, William Paschka, Joel & Tara Paulsen, Nick Paulsen, Rick & Sandy Paulsen, Wayne Pearson, Kyle & Diane Peterson, Stephanie Peyton, Channing Platt, Mary & Chuck Rodas, Rob Runck, Kim & Del Mari Rushing, Alex Sand, Lindsey Sands, Kyle Schulzetenberg, Donna Sinning, Josh & Rachael Snyder, Catherine

Spychalla, Amy Stier, Virginia Stubbs, Aaron Sunder, Austin Swaggert, Katie Jo Syverson, Janet Taillefer, Duane Tschida, June & Les Weaver, Bill & Jean Widner, Lynne Woessner, Thomas & Joan Zimny, Anthony & Leann

This list may not reflect all donors who gave \$500+. Not all business campaigns are able to provide employee names and their donation amount. If you believe that you may be one of these donors or corrections need to be made, please contact us to update our records.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

- Margaret Mead



Partnership Package

Our Partnership Package recognizes gifts of \$1,500 or more given from a business or organization in support of United Way and does not include employee giving or grants received.

LIVE UNITED

(\$10,000+)





















GOLD

(\$5,000)Sanford Health ITW Heartland

COMMUNITY IMPACT

(\$5.000+)

Dollars directed toward United Way Programs. Alexandria Covenant Church Alomere Consolidated Equipment Group, LLC

SILVER

(\$3,000)American Solutions for **Business** Integrity Title Inc Knute Nelson

BRONZE

(\$1,500)

American National Bank Eagle Bank Bell Bank CenterPoint Energy **Dreamweaver Foundation**

New Life Christian Church

Nodland Construction Co., Inc. Runestone Electric Association

To learn more about how to become a Corporate Partner or hosting an Employee Campaign please visit www.uwdp.org and click on the "Get Involved" tab.

Employee Campaigns

Businesses or organizations who held Employee Giving Campaigns.

3M

Aagard Group, LLC Alexandria Industries Alexandria Light and Power Alexandria Public Schools

Alomere

American Solutions For Business Ashby School District #261

Bell Bank

Brandon-Evansville School District

Bremer Bank CliftonLarsonAllen

Coborn's Inc.

Consolidated Equipment Group,

LLC

Douglas Machine

Echo Press

Ellingson Plumbing & Heating &

Air Conditioning

Federal Express

First Western Bank & Trust Glacial Ridge Hospital

Glenwood State Bank

Henry's Foods

Horizon Public Health

ITW Heartland Knute Nelson

Legal Services of NWMN

LGC

Lutheran Social Services Massman Automation Minnesota State Employees Neighborhood National Bank Osakis Elementary School PrimeWest Health Systems Runestone Area Education District Runestone Electric Association

Sanford Health

Solutions Behavioral Healthcare

Professionals

Target

Tastefully Simple

Trumm Drug

United Parcel Service

US Bank

Wal Mart

Widseth Smith Nolting & Assoc.

Zimny Insurance

Community Partners

Donation of \$500-\$1499 given from a business or organization in support of United Way and does not include employee giving.

Ag Country Farm Credit Services
Alexandria Veterinary Clinic
Bethany on the Lake
Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Faber Insurance Inc
Glenwood Rotary Club
Glenwood Lutheran Church
Hardwood Hills Golf Course
Horizon Public Health
H Elliot Post 7902
Immaculate Conception Catholic
Church
Lions Club
Lions Club of Carlos Minnesota
Mid-State Hydraulic & Machine

Magellan
Prime Attachments
Redeemer Lutheran Church
Sauk Valley Lutheran Church
Studio E Architects LLC
Veterans of Foreign Wars-George
VFW Auxiliary Post 7902
Xcel Energy



In-Kind Giving & Grants

In-Kind Giving: Goods or services donated or given at a reduced rate that were valued at \$500 or more. Grants: Foundations who granted United Way an amount of \$5,000 or more.

IN KIND GIVING

Alex Rubbish and Recycling CLA Echo Press First Western Bank Geneva Golf Club Henry's Foods Mike Kopitzke West Central Sanitation Winning Edge Graphics

GRANTS

Douglas Machine Foundation Emergency Food & Shelter Program St Paul & MN Foundation

Special thanks to the many Service Clubs who provide grants to support United Way programs!



Our Holiday Gift Program is possible because of in-kind giving. We connect families who need help purchasing gifts for their children with another person who would like to sponsor them.



AUGUST - 2020

Stuff the Bus served 433 Douglas & Pope County students by sending them back to school with new backpacks stuffed full of needed school supplies!



NOVEMBER - 2020

Businesses give back! Aagard sponsored and packed 1,000 bags for Backpack Attack to be delivered to local kids over Thanksgiving Break.



MAY - 2021

We held the Day of Caring over two days with 350+ Discovery Middle School 8th grade students. Student teams went out into the community to tackle 28 outdoor residential and community projects!



SEPTEMBER - 2020

Our Annual Trap Tournament took place at Alexandria Shooting Park. Pictured: 2nd Place Team, Brandon Evansville High school Trap Team.



DECEMBER - 2020

Our Holiday Gift Program gave families the chance to connect! Sponsors purchased gifts for 794 registered children. WOW!



JUNE - 2021

The Traveling Tree House was able to resume as an in-person event! We welcomed 165 kids per week throughout the summer and had a lot of fun!



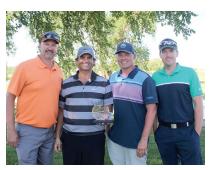
OCTOBER - 2020

Thank you for your donations! The Community Coat Room welcomed visitors to come pick out cold weather gear free of charge.



JANUARY - 2021

Monthly Food Drops continued with modifications to protect the health of recipients and volunteers. We served 292 household monthly in between Douglas & Pope Counties.



It was a great day at Geneva Golf Club as we welcomed 31 teams back for our Annual Golf Classic. Henry's Foods was our winning team with a score of 16 under par!

Audited Financials

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIA	UNITED WAY OF DOUGLAS & POPE COUNTIES STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 2021 AND 2020		
	2021	2020	
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS Cash and Cash Equivalents Certificates of Deposit Pledges Receivable, Net Accounts Receivable	\$ 384,288 11,007 159,531 2,500	\$ 478,474 10,708 135,309 18,400	
Accounts receivable Inventory Total Current Assets	18,686 576,012	19,159 662,050	
EQUIPMENT Equipment	69.824	69.824	
Equipment Less: Accumulated Depreciation Total Equipment	(48,786) 21,038	(42,326) 27,498	
OTHER ASSETS Endowment Fund	69,533	55,648	
Total Assets	\$ 666,583	\$ 745,196	
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	\$ 676	\$ 11,327	
Accrued Liabilities Allocations Payable	6,903 218,905	10,933 236,562	
Fiscal Accounts	45,794	68,583	
Donor Designations Payable	7,266	7,883	
Note Payable	7,200	48,000	
Total Current Liabilities	279,544	383,288	
NET ASSETS Without Donor Restrictions:			
Board Designated	130.581	119,268	
Undesignated	75,535	44,567	
Total Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions	206,116	163,835	
With Donor Restrictions	180,923	198,073	
Total Net Assets	387,039	361,908	
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 666,583	\$ 745,196	

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
REVENUE AND SUPPORT	Restrictions	Restrictions	Total
Gross Campaign Results 2020/2021	\$ 540,636	\$ 138,476	\$ 679,112
Less: Donor Designations	(7,266)	-	(7,266)
Less: Uncollectible Pledges Net Campaign Revenue 2020/2021	(15,778) 517,592	138,476	(15,778) 656,068
In-Kind Donations	45,805	130,470	45,805
Donated Services	16,028		16,028
Special Events	50,322	-	50,322
Interest Income	938	-	938
Fee Income	2,728	2 572	2,728
Unrealized Gain on Endowment Forgiveness of Note Payable	11,313 48,000	2,572	13,885 48,000
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	158,198	(158,198)	
Total Revenue and Support	850,924	(17,150)	833,774
EXPENSES			
Program Services:			
Agency Allocations	246,171		246,171
Less: Donor Designations	(7,266)		(7,266)
Net Agency Allocations	238,905	-	238,905
Other Allocations and Agency Relations Total Allocations and Agency	33,481		33,481
Relations	272,386	_	272,386
Community Impact	355,581	-	355,581
Total Program Services	627,967	-	627,967
Support Services:			
Fundraising	116,624	-	116,624
Management and General	64,052		64,052
Total Support Services	180,676		180,676
Total Expenses	808,643		808,643
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	42,281	(17,150)	25,131
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	163,835	198,073	361,908_
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 206,116	\$ 180,923	\$ 387,039
See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.	(4)		

Thank you for your continued support of United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties! Help us to keep you up to date with news, events and initiatives by signing up to receive United Way emails and text messages at www.uwdp.org or by texting "UWDP" to: 51555.

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