

To the Editor:

Several days ago a letter appeared in this space questioning how people in the community could respond to a recent report on the effects of the recession on local children.

There are many, many organizations in our community that are working hard to provide services to children and families who have been hit hard by the economic downturn. If you want to help with a monetary donation, your gift to United Way will fund more than 30 programs that help meet community needs in the areas of education, income and health.

United Way has several other resources that can help you respond as well. If you have gently used items that you would like to donate, check out GoodsMatch on our website. Local non-profits post their needs, and you can search for a new home for your used items.

United Way Volunteer Connection and RSVP programs are both there to help people in our community connect to volunteer opportunities. Give us a call at 715-848-2927 or check it out on-line at www.unitedwaymc.org. You will find hundreds of ways to volunteer your time to help those in need.

It's often said that we live in a very generous community. That's true. And the generosity isn't limited to monetary donations. People here step up to help others. If we can help you with more information on ways to help, give us a call.

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