



2020 ANNUAL REPORT



WORKING TOGETHER WITH OUR COMMUNITY

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Dear United Way friends,

At the heart of United Way of Marathon County is our belief in helping people. Last year our efforts were more critical than ever as we had new challenges to recover and rebuild from the health and economic crisis. We saw our staff, donors, volunteers, and community step up in an unprecedented way. With **YOUR** help we have supported those devastated by the pandemic, feeding thousands, helping hundreds with rent, and answering the call to 211. **YOU**, our dedicated donors have made this possible. We partnered with 39 agencies and foundations, distributed funds, food boxes, masks, hosted virtual education sessions and fulfilled clothing requests for children in need.

2020 is a year we will never forget. Thank you for being a part of our extended United Way family. United Way and our 39 partners are here because of **YOU**.



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Executive Director and CEO

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OUR MISSION

Unite people and organizations in Marathon County to build a stronger community and strategically invest in education, financial stability and health priorities to improve lives now and into the future.



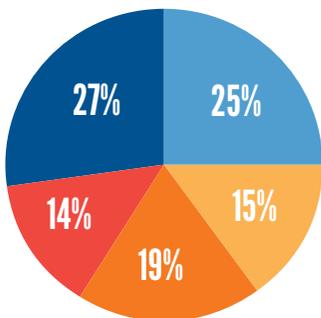
FISCAL YEAR 2020 FINANCIAL REPORT

While the annual campaign is the foundation for our work in the community, United Way also leverages other grants and revenue sources to meet community needs. In 2020, United Way invested over \$2.7 million in community programming.

2020 REVENUE

Net Campaign.....	\$2,509,029
Restricted Grants for Special Projects.....	\$752,893
Other (Interest, Match, Endow, Misc).....	\$200,623
Use of Reserves.....	(\$118,742)
Total Revenue.....	\$3,343,803

WHERE THE MONEY GOES



Education.....	\$672,000
Financial Stability.....	\$408,000
Health.....	\$520,000
211/Volunteer Connection.....	\$378,969
Mission Focused Community Service Work/Restricted Grant Projects.....	\$727,432

Total Community Investments.....	\$2,706,401
Campaign, Communications & Administration....	\$637,402

TOTAL EXPENSES.....\$3,343,803

COVID-19 COMMUNITY RESPONSE FUND



United Way
of Marathon County



\$634,533

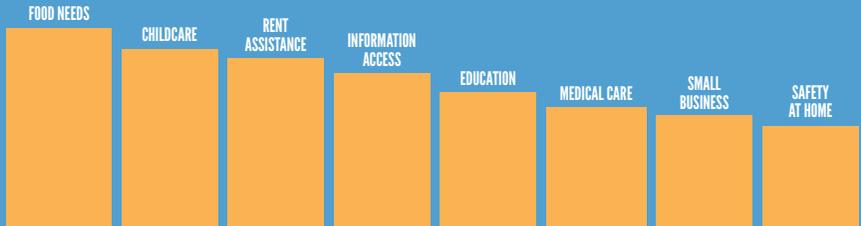
DOLLARS DONATED & GRANTED

208

DONORS

57

NONPROFITS
RECEIVED
FUNDING



As citizens in our area adhered to the sheltering in place mandate associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, it was evident that nonprofits, businesses, and individuals would be significantly impacted in various ways.

On March 18, 2020, the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin and United Way of Marathon County announced a partnership to create the COVID-19 Community Response Fund to address the community's yet unknown needs. Working together, the two organizations dedicated their efforts to raising and dispersing funds to meet those needs, as they arose, as efficiently as possible.

"When the coronavirus outbreak began to impact our area, our organizations knew this was a time for our community to band together. We knew the crisis would have many short and long-term effects, and we are thankful to have served a role in offering hope and aid to those in a time of need," stated Jeff Sargent, Executive Director/CEO of United Way of Marathon County.

Administration of the Fund focused on providing a vehicle for those who wanted response with a convenient place to donate and a quick turnaround of grants to agencies that

needed the help. Grants focused on meeting basic human needs such as food and shelter, ensuring access to medical and legal support, providing information access, safety in the home, and small business support amid the pandemic.

Reflecting on the more than \$632,000 that was raised and quickly invested back into the community for COVID-19 specific grants, Tim Parker, President/CEO of the Community Foundation, states, *"We acknowledge the generous outpouring of support from our community through the COVID-19 Community Response Fund. We also thank the fifty-seven nonprofit organizations that have worked diligently to provide vital services to the community in this unusual time of crisis in the past year. We see the sun rising for a bright future ahead, and we feel honored to have helped our community out of a dark time."* The COVID-19 Community Response Fund officially closed in February of 2021.

To see a full list of donors scan the QR Code or visit <http://bit.ly/cfww-donors>.



WHERE YOUR DOLLARS WENT



NORTH CENTRAL HEALTH CARE

received funding from the COVID-19 Community Response Fund to provide an on-site food pantry and school supply bags for staff and their families. With employee hours changing and many with students at home, the grant funds allowed for a partnership with Lamb's Fresh Market to purchase shelf-stable items that could easily be bagged and provided to anyone in need.

The uncertainty of the pandemic created stress and anxiety, but these care kits allowed comfort and reassurance. Bags were packed with gift cards, toiletries, pantry food items, and easy to prepare meals. Staff responded immediately with gratitude for this small idea that grew and impacted so many. After long hours caring for loved ones, the stores

were often closed, and the food bags were a welcome comfort. North Central Health Care was proud not to furlough any employees during the pandemic and allow flexibility to staff with children at home while schools were remote learning.

"What a nice surprise! I worked a 12-hour shift, and my kids were at home. The food bags allowed me to spend time with my children and not worry about going out to the stores during an unknown time," said one staff member.

"I can't believe you thought of me, thank you!" North Central Health Care took one day at a time and believed in caring for their staff. Many ordinary moments were taken away in 2020, and these care kits offered something to be hopeful for.



THE NEIGHBORS' PLACE

received funds from the COVID-19 Community Response Fund to provide utility wagons to assist individuals and families that walk in for food. Many guests walk miles to get their groceries and over the years have been very creative in how they take their food home.

Mothers have carried groceries in their strollers while their children walk. People have added baskets to their bikes to carry grocery bags as they bike across

town and clients have also used old shopping carts, and wagons. Guests have used rolling suitcases to carry their groceries home and that is not ideal when walking many miles. These utility carts are sturdy and allow food pantry guests to check them out.

A guest commented, *"This gives me back some dignity and I can now provide for my family, thank you."* The grant funds allowed the pantry to purchase 51 carts and all are being used at this time.

THE HMONG AMERICAN CENTER (HAC)

received funding from the COVID-19 Community Response Fund to help provide services to members of the Southeast Asian Community in two specific areas:

- Picking up and delivering food boxes and food bags to families and individuals who are homebound and elderly.
- Outreach to members of the Southeast Asian Community, specifically the elders, educating them about the dangers of COVID-19.

In 2020 alone, HAC helped provide food boxes and food bags to over 1,000 households within our community, delivering over 600 boxes and bags of food to members of the Southeast Asian community.



Collaborating with several organizations including Nyob Zoo Milwaukee, the Wisconsin United Coalition of Mutual Assistance Association, and the Hmong American Friendship Association, HAC helped provide educational materials and information to the Southeast Asian community in our region. The organization utilized social media, relationships within the local Hmong Clans, and radio programming to help educate Southeast Asian families about protecting themselves from COVID-19, symptoms of COVID-19, and taking proper precautions during isolations or quarantine.

CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE

Thank you to all the companies who supported United Way with a company workplace campaign in 2020. The Circle of Excellence Awards recognize corporate and employee giving.

PLATINUM AWARD \$500,000+



We would like to recognize Greenheck, our top Platinum Award Winning Company for 2020! They have been a Platinum Award Winner since 2017 and their dedication to philanthropy is shown throughout the community. Greenheck's financial giving and employee volunteerism have created lasting positive change in our community. Their employees have given back to this area with donations, volunteer hours, special events, supply drives and corporate gifts.

GOLD AWARD

\$200,000 - \$500,000



SILVER AWARD

\$100,000 - \$200,000



BRONZE AWARD

\$25,000 - \$100,000

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 Connexus Credit Union
 Crystal Finishing Systems
 EO Johnson Business Technologies
 Footlocker.com/Eastbay
 IncredibleBank

J & D Tube Benders
 Liberty Mutual
 Linetec
 Marshfield Clinic
 Nationwide
 North Central Health Care

Peoples State Bank
 Regal/Marathon Electric
 UnitedHealth Group
 Wausau Chemical Corporation
 Wausau Window and Wall Systems

PARTNER AWARD

\$10,000 - \$25,000

Aqua Finance
 Associated Bank
 BMO Harris Bank
 D C Everest School District
 Ghidorzi
 Graphic Packaging International
 Green Bay Packaging
 Herb Kohl Philanthropies

L&S Electric
 Marathon County Government
 Menzner Hardwoods
 Mid-Wisconsin Beverage
 Miron Construction
 Northcentral Technical College
 RMM Solutions
 Rocket Industrial

Ruder Ware
 UPS
 Van Ert Electric
 Wausau Homes Inc
 Wausau School District
 Wipfli
 Wisconsin Public Service

ASSOCIATE AWARD

\$2,500 - \$10,000

Bone & Joint
 Cellcom
 CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen LLP)
 Cloverbelt Credit Union
 Coldwell Banker Action Realty
 Dietrich VanderWaal Law Group
 Domtar
 Intercity State Bank

M3 Insurance
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 MPPL Financial
 O'Malley Autos
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 The Women's Community

Thrivent Financial
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 News 9 WAOW
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Tocqueville Society Honorees

Since 1985 United Way of Marathon County has honored 13 local philanthropists for their long-term support of United Way.

Caroline Mark
Richard Dudley
Marv & Ruth Schuette
E.O. Johnson
Dwight & Linda Davis

Bernie & Esther Greenheck
George & Estelle Wolff
Stan & Mary Staples
Carl & Barbara Drake
Robert C. Greenheck

Larry Niederhofer
John & Nancy Skoug
Nancy Frawley

The Legacy Circle

These donors continue to impact our community with their endowment gifts through our Legacy Circle, enriching our community not just now, but forever. Planned giving is a way to maximize your philanthropic goals.

Caroline Mark

E.O. Johnson

Nancy Frawley

United Way Summit League

SUMMIT LEAGUE SPONSORS



ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE: \$10,000+

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Jim & Hilary McIntyre
Dennis & Bonnie Mealy
Duane & Jill Meyer
Ruth (Rudie) Schuette
John & Nancy Skoug
Scott & Mary Turner
Robert & Ruth Van Ert
Bob & Peg Wolff
Anonymous (2)

FINAL ASCENT: \$4,000-\$9,999

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Dean & C. Ann Dietrich
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Kurt & Laura Schoenrock
Sid & Andrea Sczygelski
Staples Family Fund
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Thad & Jessica Brockman

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Marty Robbins
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Fred Schwalbach
Scott Howells & Lori Shepherd
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VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT

By working together, United Way of Marathon County volunteers put in over 54,990 hours. Many volunteer opportunities went virtual from Week of Action, Reading Buddies and more!



350+ people participated in Make a Difference Day helping rake more than 100 yards for seniors in need.



7,000 Thank a Healthcare Worker cards were made.



10,000+ masks were sewn and distributed to agencies and partners in our community.



United Way Retire United members put together 600 snack packs for kids in five schools.

FIGHTING HUNGER

From the beginning weeks of Safer at Home, United Way partnered with local school districts to provide support, investing **\$55,000** to ensure students had access to nutritious food. Staff and volunteers safely packed snack packs for children, drove food to rural areas and distributed **6,250 USDA food boxes** totaling **3.6 million pounds** of food across the county.

The Marathon County Hunger Coalition partners with 17 food pantries, 7 local grocers, and numerous community partners to ensure food is widely distributed in Marathon County. **4,350 lbs** of fresh produce was distributed from the Farmers Market to assisted living homes and underprivileged households.

Seventeen area businesses built can food sculptures in their organizations as part of our virtual "United We Can" event. This effort ensured that local food pantries had enough food for the holiday season to meet the needs of



families in our community. These businesses collected **7,500 lbs** of food in a few short weeks.

Emerging Leaders participated in a virtual Smack Hunger event with 17 teams, representing 16 companies and packaged **2,550 breakfast snack** packs for students at **18 different local schools**. Each pack included an apple sauce, cereal, fruit snacks, graham crackers, a granola bar, instant oatmeal and a juice box.



OUR IMPACT



More than **1,000 students** participated in Partnership for Youth's 5th annual Greater Wausau Youth Hiring Fair, interacting with HR representatives from 100 different businesses in Marathon County.



United Way
Bundles of Joy
A Diapers & Formula Project

Bundles of Joy offered diapers and wipes to ten agencies for a total of **980 packages**. This was especially crucial during the first few months of the pandemic, when paper goods such as toilet paper and diapers were not on shelves. United Way was able to secure diapers and wipes from distributors, during the shipping and distribution shortfalls.



United Way
Ready to Read
Putting Books into the Hands of Kids

8,000+ books were distributed to children age birth to five through the Ready to Read program.

In 2020, Ready to Read expanded its literacy efforts to Wausau School District and D.C. Everest School Districts meal distribution sites to ensure students and their families had a wide assortment of books ranging from board to chapter books to encourage new and exciting ways to learn from home during the pandemic. Adopt a Classroom distributed books to **62** classrooms at 25 schools.

United Way
RSVP of Marathon County
Connecting Volunteers 55+ to Community Needs



AmeriCorps
Seniors

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) offers personalized placement, matching volunteers age 55+ with community service opportunities across Marathon County.

48 VOLUNTEER STATIONS

9 VIRTUAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

441 VOLUNTEERS

RETIRE UNITED

Retire United members had the opportunity to participate in virtual educational sessions with RSVP members and volunteer opportunities to network outside the workforce. Thank you to Aspirus and Nationwide for your sponsorship support.

SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS



The 2020 Campaign Sweepstakes winners were awarded prizes during the month of January. Ten lucky donors won cash prizes ranging from \$500 – \$5,000! Congratulations to the Grand Prize Winner **Heidi Rausch**, from *Associated Bank!*

Other winners included: **Roberta Maas**, *Menzner Hardwoods Co.*, **Jason Resch**, *Greenheck*, **Amy Gewiss**, *Nationwide*, **Ken Call**, *Marathon Cheese Corporation*, **Jason Waller**, *Greenheck*, **Michael Cornell**, *Greenheck*, **Jason Dunwoody**, *Greenheck*, **David Falkowski**, *DC Everest Senior High School* and **Jerry Krueger**, *Greenheck*.

THANK YOU TO OUR SWEEPSTAKES SPONSORS!



FUNDED PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

CHILDCARING supports quality childhood education by providing resources and referral services to families. This past year Good Start Grants provided financial assistance for eligible families in Marathon County to have access to affordable child care such as this mother. She explains, *“I am a single mother to a 2 1/2 year old boy. For eight months I did not receive any financial assistance from his father. I saw a brochure for Good Start Grants and applied. Qualifying for this grant has made such a difference financially for my family of two. Not having to stress about affording the cost of daycare allows me to have less stress in general, making me a much more patient and focused parent.”*



THE MARATHON COUNTY SCHOOL-BASED COUNSELING CONSORTIUM

is a great example of collaboration in our community and supporting one another. The Consortium was formed in 2017 to provide on-site mental health services for students within the schools.

A student had come to the attention of the school counselors when her attendance became more sporadic, her grades were slipping, and she seemed more anxious. This young student could not attend after school appointments for therapy or counseling because of the parent's work

schedule. Together with the school and the on site therapist they found ways to support her at school so that she had someone to 'check in' with. The School-Based Counseling Consortium offered her tools to help with her anxiety, and even things her teacher could say to help her gain confidence in the classroom.

This student now enjoys time with her therapist, can identify a few adults she can share with, and is observed as less anxious. Her grades have been more stable since counseling began and her overall mood has improved.

HOUSING TASK FORCE



Pictured left to right: Officer Eric Lemirand, Wausau Police Department, Tracey Reiger, Director of Catholic Charities Warming Shelter, Diane Sennholz, Executive Director of Northcentral Community Action Program, Ben Lee, Director of Community Impact - Financial Stability & Health, United Way of Marathon County.

THE HOUSING TASK FORCE was created by The Wausau Police Department in response to the 2019 loitering ordinance. It was transferred to United Way Leadership in March of 2020.

Homelessness is more than finding temporary shelter and involves a community effort.

Through a newly developed Outreach Case Management strategy in 2020, The Housing Task Force has assisted eighteen individuals with housing, reunification with family members, or assisted individuals with entering into community programming.

Area shelters saw a decrease in overnight stays because of the Task Force. United Way helped the Warming Center move locations, not once, but twice, to accommodate social distancing and meet health department guidelines for individuals who were quarantined. This group of community leaders has come together and decided on clear objectives and strategies to solve the homelessness crisis in Wausau.

One example is a guest at the Wausau Warming Center.

“Brian” had been homeless since 2017. He is a 58-year-old man who struggles with alcohol addiction. Last fall Brian received a letter from the Housing Authority indicating that his name was selected as next on the housing list and

he was issued a Section 8 housing voucher. (The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)) program is a federal rental assistance program that helps low-income renters pay a portion of their income for rent. This application process took place while Brian was a guest in The Warming Center. The Warming Center Director assisted Brian in finding an apartment that would accept his housing voucher and he was successfully housed. Brian remains successfully housed and continues to use Catholic Charities as a support for his ongoing needs.

In addition to Outreach Case Management, members of The Housing Task Force, with the financial support of the B.A. & Esther Greenheck Foundation and a partnership with Holster Management, were able to secure a house to serve as a temporary housing solution while individuals are connected with community resources. New beds were supplied by Verlo Mattress and furnishings were provided by St. Vincent de Paul of Wausau, helping create a safe and welcoming environment for individuals.

Addressing homelessness is a value to the community and an investment in the place we call home. The Task Force took many steps forward in 2020 and will continue to do so in 2021 with your help.

EMERGING LEADERS



United Way Emerging Leaders

Emerging Leaders is comprised of more than 450 young professionals representing nearly every industry in Marathon County who have a passion for social impact and an interest in professional development.

Members kept connected in creative ways by participating in virtual trainings and discussions with local leaders, provided 2,550 snack packs to area schools, kept engaged through pumpkin carving and gingerbread decorating competitions that supported local businesses and much more!

Emerging Leaders Board members reviewed fifty-five school grant applications in 2020 and selected ten award recipients totaling **\$4,000**, to receive a one time grant. These schools, teachers and classrooms have shown dedication to our local youth in a variety of ways! These schools, teachers and classrooms include: DC Everest Area School District, Edgar School District, John Marshall Elementary, Mosinee High School, Mosinee Middle School, Our Savior's Lutheran Church and School, DC Everest Rothschild Elementary, Stratford Elementary, Stratford High School and Stratford Middle School.



EMERGING LEADERS SPONSORS



WOMEN UNITED



UNITED WAY OF MARATHON COUNTY WOMEN UNITED®

Women United is a diverse network of professional, community-minded women who represent nearly every industry in Marathon County. Members participate in a variety of engagement opportunities that connect them to our community efforts and create a strong network of women leaders in action.

Women United members enjoyed networking opportunities in 2020 from the comfort of their homes such as book clubs, arts and crafts nights, cooking demonstrations and education sessions. These members volunteered

throughout the year raking yards, serving at the Warming Shelter and cheering on local healthcare professionals.

Women United distributed **30 holiday gift bags** filled with goodies to deserving moms for the 12th annual Christmas for Mommies. This event typically takes place in person with thirty moms, children of the participants and volunteers, but this year looked different in that bags were given to Catholic Charities (Project Step Up) and The Women's Community to appropriately distribute.

UNITED WAY COMMUNITY CLOSETS are volunteer run and projects of Emerging Leaders and Women United. In 2020, **326** requests were filled from Rebecca's Closet with an average of **22** items per order. **21** agencies and service providers utilized the closet and more than **6,754** items went back into the community to help children in need.



WOMEN UNITED SPONSORS





WE HELP ELIMINATE BARRIERS BY CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH SERVICES.

211 is a free, confidential information and referral service that connects people from all communities to the essential health and human services they need, 24 hours a day, seven days a week through phone, email, text, web and chat.

Our 211 serves residents of Marathon County and seven others. United Way's

211 answered **19,088** requests for help from residents, providing **32,523** referrals to community resources. The call center had a **22%** increase from the previous year.

There were 6,653 COVID-19 related phone calls in 2020, which made up 35% of total calls.

HOUSING



FOOD



INCOME SUPPORT



MENTAL HEALTH/
ADDICTION



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SUCCESS STORY

Jamie was a pregnant, single mother, and when the COVID-19 pandemic hit, her daycare closed. With no daycare for her toddler, Jamie was forced to quit her job. With no income to support herself and her child, Jamie contacted 211 and was able to get connected to resources that would help with basic needs until she is able to get back to work.

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