

ADDITIONAL WAYS TO ENGAGE



Women United provides members with the opportunity to be part of a dynamic, philanthropic, and fun organization of women leaders that care about our community. They increase the self-sufficiency of women to improve their lives, the lives of their family, and the community as a whole. As a member, you participate at a level that works for you. You can attend events, volunteer for projects, join a committee or graciously make a financial contribution to support projects. **Contact Selena at syang@unitedwaymc.org for more information.**



United Way Emerging Leaders is the next generation of professionals who want to make a difference in our community. Through deeper involvement, members gain insight and take action to improve the quality of life today and build the foundation for the work of tomorrow. Our members enjoy exclusive opportunities to network with business leaders, volunteer for projects, and improve the community we serve. More than 450 members enrich their lives and the lives of others through Connect, Serve, and Lead opportunities. **Contact Selena at syang@unitedwaymc.org for more information.**



RSVP connects volunteers 55+ to community needs. In addition to helping the community when you volunteer, research shows that volunteering is good for you! When you volunteer with RSVP you can:

- Improve your health, happiness, and well-being
- Meet new people and make new friends
- Attend monthly social events and informational programs
- Attend the annual recognition celebration

Contact Susan at skrolow@unitedwaymc.org for more information.

RETIRE UNITED

United Way Retire United program is designed for individuals who are retired or nearing retirement, and recognize the importance that philanthropy and volunteerism play in building a stronger community.

Your lifetime of skills and experiences can benefit future generations. And we can help you find a meaningful way to stay engaged in the community. **Contact Lori at lhattenhauer@unitedwaymc.org for more information.**



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2023 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR



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STAND UP AND STEP UP

To achieve our bold goal of lifting 10,000 community members to financial stability by 2033, no one can sit on the sidelines. How will you step up alongside United Way of Marathon County this year?

SPRING

MAY 18

Lunch, Learn, and Do

Understanding ALICE – What is ALICE (Asset Limited Income Constrained, Employed)? How does it affect our community? Why is United Way of Marathon County committed to serving this population? Learn the answers to these questions and more, while enjoying lunch and a hands-on volunteer project.

JUNE 20-22



Week of Action

Help transform our Community Closet space to allow for in-person shopping for the whole family. Roll up your sleeves to clean, sort, organize and more!

SUMMER

JUNE - SEPTEMBER



Farm to Family Produce Program:

Option 1: United Way staff will pair your team with a member of the Marathon County Hunger Coalition to set up a table at the Wausau farmers' market on Saturdays to collect leftover and donated produce. The food collected is then distributed to local food pantries, ensuring community members have access to fresh, healthy options.

Option 2: Two local farms based out of Athens, WI provide fresh produce to be boxed and distributed to agencies in Marathon County. Your team will help pack the fresh, organic produce into boxes that can more easily be distributed.

You can also volunteer with many of our community partners - visit <https://unitedwaymc.galaxydigital.com> to check out upcoming opportunities!

FALL

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER



Harvest Service Days

Local farms have dedicated a portion of their fields to grow food that will feed those in need in our community. Sign up to participate in a work day to harvest vegetables before they are donated!

SEPTEMBER - EXACT DATE TBD

Collective Impact Bus Tour

Take a bus tour of United Way's community partnerships and funded programs. Tour will culminate in a volunteer project.

SEPTEMBER 19

Lunch, Learn, and Do

Period Poverty – Despite being a basic need, menstrual hygiene products are not covered by government assistance programs, and are rarely provided at no cost in schools. Find out how this issue affects people in our community, and take part in a project that will help make these products accessible to local students. Lunch included!

OCTOBER 28



Make a Difference Day

Make a difference in the lives of community members by raking yards for those who are elderly or physically unable to do this work themselves, allowing them to live with greater independence in their homes.

NOVEMBER 23



Turkey Trot

Runners and walkers spend their Thanksgiving morning in a race that raises thousands for the Marathon County Hunger Coalition. Volunteer teams can help as course marshals, setting up and restocking refreshment areas, or tearing down post-race so everyone can get to their Thanksgiving festivities.

WINTER

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

Uniting for the Holidays

High-need items will be collected and distributed to various partner agencies. Stay tuned for specific ways to get involved!



Great way to use VTO!



No cost to participate!



Ongoing opportunity!



Family friendly!

YEAR-ROUND

COMMUNITY CLOSETS



United Way of Marathon County operates Community Closets that provide clothing to individuals and families in need to alleviate that financial burden. There are two regular volunteer opportunities (minimum of 2 shifts per month):

Guest Experience Volunteer: Ensure that guests receive friendly, generous service and can shop without judgment.

Donation Processing Volunteer: Work behind the scenes, ensuring that the items coming into the Community Closet are high quality and in keeping with our inventory management practices.

DONATION DRIVES



Collect high-need items for local families and individuals. These could include things like hygiene products, cleaning products, food, winter clothing, etc. United Way will either distribute these items through our community closets or direct them to local agencies supporting community needs.

KIT BUILDING



Spend an hour or two putting together kits that will support families in need across Marathon County:

- Calm Kits
- Community Resource Bags
- Food Kits (Snack or Meal)
- Laundry Kits
- Menstrual Hygiene Kits
- Personal Care Kits
- Welcome Home Baskets

Scan to email Carly Hanney, Director of Community Engagement, for more information about any of these opportunities.

