**HEALTH 2021**

**IMPROVING PEOPLE’S HEALTH**

**GOALS:**
- Decrease relationship violence and sexual assault
- Reduce alcohol and drug abuse
- Improve mental health
- Improve seniors’ ability to live independently

**4,472** individuals received mental health services from a United Way funded program

**95%** of individuals indicate their quality of life has improved as a result of mental health services

**$468,500** total invested in funded programs addressing health priorities

**Jannie**, 17 years old, had been on her own for the past two years. Her 9-year substance abuse history included IV heroin and meth use. At the time of her intake to the Choices Program at Peaceful Solutions Counseling, she had six months of abstinence and was working part-time. During her time in counseling, she maintained abstinence from all mood-altering chemicals, graduated from high school, and moved into her own apartment.

**3,714** individuals received substance abuse treatment services from a United Way funded program

**914** individuals who have made improvement and progress on individual mental health treatment goals

**$37,824** saved money using the SingleCare Prescription Drug Savings Card

**1,746** seniors received in-home support services from a United Way funded program

**1,088** individuals who have made improvement and progress on individual mental health treatment goals

In Marathon County, individuals saved money using the SingleCare Prescription Drug Savings Card.

**United Way of Marathon County**
$672,000 invested in programs addressing education priorities

SARAH had many missing school assignments and numerous absences. Staff at the Power Hour Boys & Girls Club began to check in one-on-one and work with Sarah on her missing assignments. This program provided her with a safe space where she can be productive, ask for help, and make school work a priority. Sarah says, "I love Power Hour because I get extra help on my homework and I got my grades up!"

1,145 students received the book *A Green Green Garden* and learned about healthy eating during the Adopt a Classroom project

More than 8,000 books were distributed to children age birth to 5 through Ready to Read

240 calming kits were created by volunteers and given to students to encourage positive social emotional learning skills

8,644 children's clothing items distributed through Rebecca's Closet to ensure children were prepared for school, weather, and seasonal changes

100% of youth served by five United Way funded programs report developing at least one positive relationship with an adult

162 children had access to quality affordable child care and early years education through Good Start Grants

144 children 0-6 years of age benefitted from their parents and caregivers receiving education, support, and resources to encourage parents as their children's first teachers

GOAL: Increase Kindergarten readiness, improve academic performance and career readiness
FINANCIAL STABILITY 2021
PROMOTING FINANCIAL STABILITY AND INDEPENDENCE

Goals: Reduce hunger and homelessness, and increase skills to improve self-sufficiency

$447,000 total dollars invested in our community helping individuals and families achieve financial stability

2.1 million pounds of food distributed by the Marathon County Hunger Coalition

10,896 nights of shelter provided by United Way funded programs

The Wrent family has made progress cutting spending and finding ways to increase their family’s income since joining Project Step Up. They have identified the following goals: not making any more purchases, using existing items they have, selling unused items, and creating a budget that prioritizes basic needs. They have goals to track their spending, implement a budget, and increase their credit score.

16,423 individuals who report increased access to healthy/nutritious foods

15,491 roundtrip transports provided for routine care (doctor’s appointment, pharmacy, grocery etc.)

13,100 individuals that report food assistance has helped them avoid having to choose between food and other basic necessities

2,163 individuals that were able to move into or remain in safe and permanent housing

4,940 need referrals made by 211 related to our financial stability priorities

United Way of Marathon County
134 volunteers completed projects for 22 partner agencies during Week of Action.

3,000 books donated during our community book drive in May, cleaned and distributed to our Ready to Read bookshelves, free little libraries and community agencies supporting literacy.

370 volunteers used the Get Connected website.

THOUSANDS of volunteers made a meaningful impact in lives throughout Marathon County.

Emerging Leaders Career Closet and Smack Hunger Events
Women United Rebecca’s Closet and Power of the Purse
Retired Senior Volunteer Project (RSVP) food packing
RSVP 47 volunteer stations
Volunteer Reception Center Disaster Training
Retire United food packing and Vello readers
Board members, Impact teams, coalition members
Company Campaign Managers managing special events
Employee volunteers creating Anytime Projects
Individuals donating to the Community Baby Shower/Book Drive
Turkey Trot volunteers
Community Connection Call volunteers
Office volunteers

41 hours read during a virtual reading buddy program called Vello. Nine volunteers met virtually, one on one, with 20 children at Marathon elementary school.

500+ volunteers raked 130 yards to support community members who are elderly or physically unable to carry out their yard work alone during Make a Difference Week.

29,340 hours served by RSVP volunteers.

United Way of Marathon County
86 individuals received new or gently used steel toed boots

TIMOTHY says, "I just want to express my gratitude for your help getting me back on my feet with items from the Career Closet."

280 total requests filled in Rebecca's Closet

76 companies used the Career Closet and 17 partner agencies

8,644 children's clothing items distributed through Rebecca's Closet to ensure children were prepared for school, weather, and seasonal changes

774 children served through Rebecca's Closet

159 individuals utilized the Career Closet to obtain business professional clothing

639 volunteer hours in the Career Closet and Rebecca's Closet