

WORKING TOGETHER IMPACTING LIVES

United Way is helping build healthy youth,
stronger families, and a vital community.

REDUCING CHILD HOMELESSNESS BY:

- Helping families avoid eviction and stay in their homes
- Providing emergency shelter for homeless women and children
- Helping families avoid having their water disconnected

PROVIDING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE BY:

- Helping families that lost their home due to a fire
- Providing transportation help for families with a medical emergency
- Helping families dealing with the death of a parent or child

HELPING WOMEN FLEEING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- Helping women (and their children) attain temporary shelter
- Helping women relocate to another community

It is estimated that
more than **100**
children are
homeless in Fort
Dodge each week.

*Giving children and teenagers hope
for a bright future.*

Want to know more?

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WORKING TOGETHER FOR LASTING CHANGE

UNITED WAY is committed to helping youth succeed, stabilizing families, empowering lives and improving public safety. United Way connects people to resources, problems to solutions, donors to important causes and hope to the hopeless.

A BRIGHTER FUTURE - A foundational principle of United Way is - every child deserves a chance to grow up with a true sense of hope for a bright future. By supporting the United Way campaign, you can help give a child hope for a better future.



THE GIVING CARD

Supporters of United Way that donate or pledge \$150 or more will receive the United Way Giving Card. Our Giving Card provides attractive discounts at over 40 local businesses, retailers and restaurants. These discounts are available for a full year with no limit on the number of times they can be used. Visit www.unitedwayfd.org for a full listing of participating merchants.

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2025-2026 UNITED WAY COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN

Building Hope - Changing Lives



**OFFERING HOPE for a
BRIGHTER FUTURE**
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Programs

BEDS FOR KIDS

Over the past 14 years, United Way has distributed over 1,500 beds to children who lack a bed and were sleeping on couches or drafty floors.

HOPE FOR HEALING FUND

United Way helps low-income families with transportation assistance to get seriously ill children to Iowa City, Des Moines or Rochester.

PERSONAL NEEDS

For children that lack important staples of life, United Way helps meet these needs. Be it coats, shoes and other clothing items, eyeglasses, or personal hygiene items, United Way helps.

FOOD ASSISTANCE

United Way helps food insecure families by supporting our local food pantries and helping individual families in immediate need of food.

WHEELS FOR WORK

United Way accepts donated vehicles and gives them to families with children in desperate need of a car to get to work and to run family errands.

BRIDGING THE GAP

United Way accepts gently used furniture, beds and household items and distributes them to families in need to help make their apartment a home.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels provides daily nutritious meals and safety checks to homebound seniors and individuals with disabilities who lack the ability to cook nutritious meals for themselves.

100%

Of every donation to the
United Way campaign stays in
Fort Dodge and Webster County.

UNITED WAY WORKS TO CREATE LASTING CHANGE

Offering Hope for Kids



Preventing Child Homelessness

It is estimated that over 100 children are homeless in Fort Dodge every month. And 1 out of 5 children live in households that are at risk of becoming homeless. Today, child homelessness is a crisis in our community. Many children sleep in a different place almost every night because they have no home – be it a friend's apartment or a relative's house, these children have to sleep in basements, on floors, or on old chairs or couches. Some even sleep in a car with their parent and other siblings. United Way's Homeless Prevention Fund covers the cost of temporary shelter for these children and their mothers while helping them find affordable housing so the children can have a stable home environment.

Basic Needs for Youth

Twenty percent of our children and teens in Fort Dodge and Webster County live in poverty or very close to the poverty level and often lack basic living needs. To learn effectively and grow and develop in a healthy way, their basic needs must be met. Unfortunately, too many children are coping with the social ills of poverty and face numerous challenges every day. Be it the need for food, shelter, medical care, personal hygiene items, or not having water or electricity in their home, United Way works with impoverished youth and their families to help them meet their most basic living needs.

Supporting and Mentoring Women

Hundreds of women in our community are single parents trying to raise their children and work one or two jobs to make enough money to support their families. Inflation has devastated so many of these families. Unfortunately, too many are living in poverty and dealing with ongoing financial crises. Many of these women are trying to raise two to four children on a single income and are constantly facing the stress of being able to pay their rent, and utilities while trying to feed and clothe their children. United Way also works with these women in need of assistance by providing them with guidance to other available resources in the community and helping them address their specific needs. Our staff helps them with family budgeting and assistance in finding employment and mentoring to help them get on a path to stability and financial self-sufficiency.

Helping Families Cope with the Aftermath of a House Fire

United Way provides emergency support for families facing a major crisis due to a house fire. These families often have to vacate their homes or apartments with only the clothes on their backs. They need help for temporary shelter, food, clothing, and other items. United Way also helps them find new housing and assists them in getting back into a stable living environment.

Supporting Our Senior Citizens

In the Fort Dodge area, it is estimated that 15% of our senior citizens are living in poverty and another 25% struggle to meet their basic living needs. Many are living on Social Security stipends of \$750 to \$1,500 a month. These senior citizens need assistance for housing, food, transportation and other critical needs. United Way is here to help support them through our Meals on Wheels program and our assistance to prevent homelessness and offer services to meet their basic living needs.