

WORKING TOGETHER

IMPACTING LIVES

United Way is building stronger youth, stronger families and a stronger community.

REDUCING CHILD HOMELESSNESS BY:

Helping families stay in their homes
Helping with utility costs for water and electricity
Providing emergency shelter for women and children

PROVIDING BASIC NEEDS FOR KIDS BY:

Providing beds for kids that are sleeping on the floor
Providing prescription drug assistance for kids in need
Providing clothes for kids in need
Helping children get access to mental health services
Helping kids participate in youth sports and enrichment programs

FIGHTING HUNGER BY:

Supporting local food pantries
Providing emergency food vouchers for families

PROVIDING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE BY:

Helping families that lost their home due to a fire
Helping families to a medical emergency
Helping families in crisis due to a death of a loved one

SUPPORTING FAMILIES BY:

Providing donated furniture
Providing donated cars to families with no transportation
Providing mentoring for single parent households

SUPPORTING OUR SENIORS BY:

Providing Meals on Wheels for our frail elderly
Providing emergency assistance for low income seniors

BUILDING A SAFER COMMUNITY BY:

Coordinating Neighborhood Watch programs
Providing parents with safety information and tips
Providing crime and drug prevention programs
Educating parents and youth on Internet safety
Supporting local law enforcement

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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

The Giving Card is our way of saying "Thanks" for giving to the United Way. Use it for special offers and discounts at local businesses that are only available to supporters who have made a gift of at least \$150 annually to the United Way. Each participating merchant has signs proudly announcing their participation in United Way's Giving Card program, so look for them when you shop or dine. Visit www.unitedwayfd.org/givingcard for a full list of participating merchants.

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2023-2024 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 12 years, United Way has distributed over 1,400 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, free eyeglasses, or personal hygiene items, United Way helps.

WHEELS FOR WORK

United Way accepts donated vehicles and gives them to families with children in desperate need of a car for work and to run errands to the grocery store, etc.

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 safety checks and nutritious meals to homebound seniors and individuals with disabilities who lack the ability to cook nutritious meals for themselves.

SUPPORTING SENIORS

United Way helps low-income seniors with emergency assistance for food, housing, transportation, and other critical assistance to they can stay in their homes and be safe.

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 125 to 175 children are homeless in Fort Dodge. And 1 out of 5 children live in households that are at risk of becoming homeless. Today, many children sleep in a different place almost every night because they have no home and must sleep on a couch or on the floor at a friend's apartment or a relative's house. Some even sleep in a car with their parent and other siblings. United Way's Homeless Prevention Fund helps these families with temporary housing and finding affordable housing so the children have a more stable home.

Basic Needs for Youth

For children and teens to learn effectively and grow and develop in a healthy way, their basic needs must be met. Unfortunately, too many children have to face barriers and traumatic stress because of the challenges and social ills they have to overcome. Be it food, shelter, clothing, medical care or personal hygiene items, United Way works with impoverished youth and families to help them meet their basic living needs.

Supporting Women and Their Families

Hundreds of women in our community are single parents trying to raise their children and work to make enough money to support their families. Unfortunately, too many are living in poverty. United Way provides guidance, support, and resources to help these women get their families on a path to stability and financial self-sufficiency.

Safe Communities Coalition

A safe community is the most crucial factor in impacting the quality of life of a community. United Way is leading an effort to build a safer community to improve public safety and significantly reduce crime and violence, and the use of illegal drugs. Partnering with local law enforcement, we collaborate with numerous stakeholders to protect children, improve safety in neighborhoods, enhance drug prevention and reduce crime and violence to make Fort Dodge and Webster County a safer and more peaceful community.

Emergency Support

United Way provides emergency assistance for families facing a crisis due to a house fire, a death of a parent, husband or child, a serious medical emergency and other emergencies that often leave them in desperate situations. Families facing an emergency are coping with an emotional and financial crisis and often need immediate help for housing, food, clothing, transportation, and other critical needs.