



At United Way of Southwest Minnesota, we believe that hope isn't just a feeling—it's a spark.

A spark that ignites action, drives change, and creates brighter futures.

Today, we invite you to *Raise Your Hand* with United Way of Southwest Minnesota and help us create HOPE and positivity in our community.

## Your previous support has been crucial in creating HOPE within our community. 2025-26 Community Partners and Internal Programs



## How your support makes a difference:

- Just **\$5** can provide a nutritious meal and meaningful social interaction for a senior who might otherwise spend the day alone.
- **\$10** can bring dignity and comfort to someone in a shelter, providing two weeks of essential hygiene items.
- A gift of **\$25** ensures one person has access to a 3-day emergency food pack filled with ready-to-eat items.
- Donating **\$50** gives one child a free book every month for a year through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.
- Your **\$75** contribution can deliver 16 days of hot or frozen meals to an older adult living independently at home.
- A **\$100** donation provides three nights of safe shelter for a family of four in need.

Statement from the Lutheran Social Service Meals on Wheels program.

*"I appreciate having the meals delivered to my mom. I have the assurance that she is getting at least one nutritious meal every day, as she can no longer see to read recipes and cook for herself anymore."*



## September



Kindergarten - 3rd-grade students can receive literacy tutoring to help them achieve reading success.

## October



Victims of violent crime, domestic violence, or sex trafficking are provided the support they need to move beyond their situation and heal.

## November



Local children with food insecure families are provided with backpacks filled with healthy snacks to supplement their weekend nutrition needs.

## December



2,277 children receive the gift of a book in the mail each month, encouraging their parent(s) to read to them to build a strong foundation for literacy skills.



## January



Kindergarten students are introduced to personal economics, including a basic understanding of wants vs. needs.

## February



A growing student-athlete is provided with a sports physical to participate in extra-curricular sports to help them learn and grow in a team setting.

## March



Homeless families are provided temporary shelter and services to help move them from crisis to stability.

## April



870 Wild About Kindergarten Bags were distributed to 23 area schools for every child who attends Kindergarten Round-Up in our service area.



## May



Local senior citizens are provided with hot or cold home-delivered meals to help nourish them and help them age with dignity as they continue to live in their own homes.

## June



Non-custodial parents can interact with their children in a supervised environment to ensure safety and continue the parent-child bond.

## July



Children, individuals, and families in need can access free supplemental foods that match their personal preferences.

## August



4,000 Local children were provided with 48,000 basic school supplies to help start the school year on the right foot.



Your support makes a year-round impact on our community.

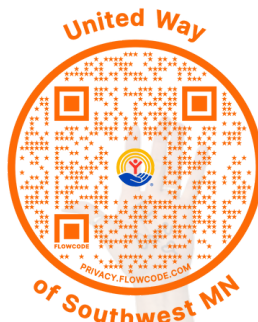
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