

Building Stronger Futures Together

When you **give where you live**, your gift directly funds United Way of Southwest Minnesota initiatives that help local children, students, and families thrive.



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Celebrating 20 years of delivering high-quality, age-appropriate books to **more than 2,100 local children every month** at no cost to families. By building home libraries from birth to age five, this program prepares young children for classroom success.



Stuff the Bus

Distributing **50,000 essential classroom supplies to 4,000 students** across our service area. This initiative relieves financial strain for our area families and ensures every student starts the school year ready to learn.

Together, we're supporting our children from Cradle to Cap 'n Gown, providing resources that make them feel valued and empowered.

"It means so much to the students and their families that we can use that money for coats or fees or whatever is needed, so no one gets left out."
— School Administrator

"Every month my daughter gets excited to see what book 'Aunt Dolly' sent her and demands that we read the book right now!"
— Parent

"Thank you for the scholarship. I'll be using it to pursue my career for college. I'll make all of you proud and graduate."
— Scholarship Recipient

Give Where You Live



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Wild about Kindergarten Bags

Providing more than **800 incoming students** with school readiness totes during local Kindergarten Round-Ups. Each bag is filled with hands-on learning tools to help children step into their very first day of school with confidence and excitement.



Student Emergency Funds

Providing **almost \$18,000 in flexible funding** directly to schools to address urgent student needs. From winter coats and eyeglasses to cap & gown rentals and emergency food, these funds keep students safe, comfortable, and focused on learning.



Bright Beginnings, Brighter Futures Scholarship Program

Awarding **\$9,000 in higher education scholarships** to area high school graduates pursuing college or career training. This investment supports our youth as they take their next steps toward meaningful careers right here in our region.

Additional
Community
Initiatives

Jumpstart
Read for the Record



bornlearning



Community Impact Grant Partners

Beyond our internal programs, United Way of Southwest Minnesota awards Community Impact Grants to local partner agencies to address critical needs throughout our region.



HEALTHY COMMUNITIES:  Lutheran Social Service

 Marshall Food 4 Kids

P5 MEALS
ON%GO

 UNITED Community Action PARTNERSHIP

YOUTH OPPORTUNITY:  HARBOUR

 ServeMN

 SWWC FOUNDATION

Upward Bound

COMMUNITY RESILIENCY:  NEW HORIZONS CRISIS CENTER

 UNITED Community Action PARTNERSHIP

 Women's Rural Advocacy Programs

FINANCIAL SECURITY:  UNITED Community Action PARTNERSHIP

*UCAP received funding for 3 programs: Kitchen Table Food Shelf, free tax clinic, and The Refuge.

Gruffalo Walk



“It's hard to ask for help, but they always treat us like they are grateful that we came to see them. Actually, we're the ones that are grateful for the food. We don't always get food every month because if we can manage without it, we do. But there are many times that the food shelf has helped us be able to make ends meet.”

— Local Food Shelf Guest



UWSWMN Volunteers

The Power of Giving Local

Your donation, big or small, makes an immediate impact in your community.



\$5

Equips a neighbor in crisis with a personal safety alarm.

\$10

Supplies essential materials for one tax clinic workstation.

\$25

Delivers five warm meals to an older adult in Yellow Medicine County.

\$50

Sponsors a child for a full year in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

\$75

Packs roughly 25 weekend snack bags for local students facing food insecurity.

\$100

Funds three nights of safe shelter for a family of four in need.



True Light Playground

Please Join Us

When you give where you live, you make a meaningful impact on your neighbors and keep our local communities strong and resilient.

Pledge Online: Scan the QR code to visit UnitedWaySWMN.org/donate

Pledge by Mail: Address to United Way of SWMN, PO Box 41, Marshall, MN 56268

Questions: Call us at 507-929-2273 or email unitedway@unitedwayswmn.org.



UNITED IS THE WAY

United Way of Southwest Minnesota is an autonomous, local organization working to create lasting change in people's lives and the communities we serve in Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Yellow Medicine, and portions of Cottonwood, Lac qui Parle, Nobles, and Redwood counties of Minnesota.