



Desmond Tutu once said, "Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness." Our community continues to encounter challenges, and it's important for us to be that shining light in the midst of it all, so we can all succeed and thrive. 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. 2024-25 Community Partners and Internal Programs



How your support makes a difference:

- One donation of **\$5** will purchase 100 pounds of fresh potatoes, carrots, and cabbage from Second Harvest Food Bank.
- A **\$25** donation will supply 1 pair of shoes and socks for a child experiencing homelessness.
- **\$50** will provide a gift card to a local store for basic needs to victims and their children.
- Giving a **\$75** donation can cover the cost of support group supplies for 5 sexual assault victims.
- A donation of **\$100** will provide 22 days' worth of meals delivered to a homebound older adult living in Granite Falls.
- "My kid is a picky eater, but the program has helped him try different kinds of foods and he likes them. Thanks, Food4Kids for what you do."
- "This is the first time I feel like I have friends in a long time. I look forward to seeing everyone at our next class."
- "The meals are such a blessing to me. I don't cook much, and now I get a real home-cooked meal every day. I love the great variety of foods. I am so thankful for these meals."
- "I have never had the amount of amazing understanding, care and support in my life I'm extremely grateful I have felt safe the whole time and it really felt like they went above and beyond to make sure this was as easy for me as they could in such a fragile state I was in I know they worked extremely hard for me and I'm very blessed to have gotten service through them truly a life changing experience in so many ways."

Raise Your Hand

September

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



January

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



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.



October

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



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.



June

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



November

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



March

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



July

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



December

2,296 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.



April

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



August

4,000 Local children were provided with 60,000 basic school supplies to help start the school year on the right foot.



Your support makes a year-round impact on our community. Please consider donating to UNITED WAY OF SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA.

Join us & Get Involved With your help, there's HOPE.

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