

# PROGRAM PARTNERS



## HEALTH

### **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern WI PROGRAM: 1-to-1 Youth Mentoring**

*Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Wisconsin partners with individual donors, foundations, corporations, and others to build the critical network of support that funds and enables the work of carefully matching children with caring adult mentors and provides ongoing support to the child, volunteer mentor, and child's family. The focus at Big Brothers Big Sisters is on creating long and sustaining relationships that will have the greatest impact on the children we serve. We know that having a Big Brother or Big Sister can help children reach their potential and get set on the right path in life.*

### **Bolton Refuge House PROGRAM: Mental Health Intervention Program**

*Mental Health Intervention Program provide confidential personal advocacy to victims who are seeking ways to improve their quality of life while developing skills to effectively manage life crises and challenges. The Mental Health Coordinator/ Victim Advocate will aid individuals throughout the life span to identify unhealthy behaviors, positive coping skills, and work at ways to effectively manage daily challenges and crisis situations as they rebuild their relationships and self-esteem. BRH provides all services to victims of domestic violence, intimate partner abuse, dating violence and sexual assault and to children who have witnessed or been exposed to violence.*

### **Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services PROGRAM: Child and Family Counseling**

*The Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services Child and Family Counseling program knows that children need healthy families and communities to help them thrive and grow. Our experts work with children, their parents, family members and other people who are important to them. The goal of counseling is to learn skills that manage stress, work out conflict, build strong relationships and possibly recover from a trauma. Services offered include individual therapy at the clinic location and site based mental health at six schools in Eau Claire and Altoona as well as the Mary Markquart Boys and Girls Club.*

### **Eau Claire YMCA PROGRAM: YMCA Healthy Living Program**

*The Eau Claire YMCA's Healthy Living Program is a network of sub-programs that are designed to address and impact the community's physical and mental health needs administered by trained staff. This program, often in collaboration with community partners, offers a lifelong progression of medically based health and fitness activities, experiences, and education for children through senior citizens; for individuals and for families. YMCA programs and facilities are designed to attract people of all ages, all abilities, and all income levels. Everyone is welcome into the Healthy Living Program.*

### **Eau Claire Area School District (ECASD) PROGRAM: ECASD School Based Mental Health (SBMH)**

*The ECASD is committed to educating the whole child. Mental health is a significant issue for many students and families, preventing students from learning and achieving to their full potential. The District implemented School-Based Mental Health Services (SBMH) five years ago. The ability to pay is the number one barrier for students to receive these services. The purpose of this grant is to fund SBMH co-payments for economically disadvantaged families, so that students who need the services the most will be able to receive them at school with a licensed mental health therapist.*

## **Family Support Center**

### **PROGRAM: Domestic Violence Program**

*The purpose of Family Support Center's (FSC) Domestic Violence Program is to promote the overall well-being and safety of adult and youth victims of domestic violence. The program provides comprehensive trauma-informed services to adults and children in both one to one and group settings designed to increase emotional and physical safety, coping skills, and build resilience among participants.*

## **Open Door Clinic, Inc.**

### **PROGRAM: Mental Health Services**

*The clinic's ongoing mental health services dovetail with our mission to improve the health of our neighbors, friends and families in Chippewa County. We are dedicated to providing high quality care and we understand the link between preventative health care and the development of chronic illnesses and co-morbidities. Chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease are among the most costly of all health problems but are also the most preventable, thus treatment and prevention are our foremost objectives. Our program provides basic medical care and psychiatric services to a population struggling with mental health issues.*

## **The Wellness Shack, Inc.**

### **PROGRAM: Peer Support Services**

*The Wellness Shack provides peer support from the perspective of a survivor who has found meaningful recovery. Recovery is not defined as the absence of symptoms, but rather the ability to manage symptoms and events in a healthy and responsible manner. Getting from point A to point B is never a straight line, but having lived through the struggles toward recovery builds a capacity of credibility and empathy that are proven to work well with helping others in a similar struggle. Not only does the survivor present living evidence that recovery from mental illness is possible, they demonstrate that recovery is sustainable as they work with others.*

## **EDUCATION**

## **Children's Service Society of Wisconsin d/b/a Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services**

### **PROGRAM: Building Families**

*The Building Families program helps new parents become confident in caring for their newborn through regular in-home visits. Family visits provide education and support to help parents understand the growth and development of babies and young children. The Home Visitor assists parents in learning how to talk and play with their baby and increase their knowledge and confidence in their parenting skills. Ways to reduce family stress are reviewed and resources in the community that may provide additional support or education are provided. Families may remain in the program up until their child reaches age 5 or enters school.*

## **Eau Claire City-County Health Department (ECCCHD)**

### **PROGRAM: Western Wisconsin Nurse-Family Partnership Consortium**

*Nurse-Family Partnership® (NFP) is an evidence-based, community health program serving low-income women pregnant with their first child. Each new mom partners with a registered nurse early in her pregnancy and receives ongoing nurse home visits through the child's second birthday. NFP helps break the cycle of poverty—empowered, confident mothers become knowledgeable parents who are able to prepare their children for successful futures. Nurse home visitors and their clients make a 2.5 year commitment to each other, with 64 planned home visits. This intensive level of support improves outcomes relating to the health, development, and education of mom and child.*

*\*In fiscal partnership with: Chippewa County Department of Public Health*

## **Family Support Center**

### **PROGRAM: River Source - Bright Starts and Rural Playgroups Services**

*The River Source Family Center Program, through its Bright Starts and Rural Playgroups services, works with Chippewa County families with children from prenatal to five to promote health and physical well-being, social and emotional development, language skills and general knowledge. The program helps parents and guardians provide supportive environments for their children. The program is a collaborative effort with the Chippewa County Department of Public Health and utilizes both home visitation and group connections to achieve its goals.*

*\*In fiscal partnership with: Chippewa County Department of Public Health*

## **Literacy Chippewa Valley**

### **PROGRAM: Family Literacy for Early Learning Success**

*Literacy Volunteers Chippewa Valley (LCV) Family Literacy Program is the only program in the Chippewa Valley that provides high quality early childhood education for children ages birth to 5 years, while also educating their parents who have low literacy skills and teaching parenting skills; all free of charge! Parents and children attend classes in the same building, at the same time, offering a unique opportunity for parenting education and parent/child learning activities. Our program has served families for 30 years and exists because of partnerships with other community agencies. Our goal is to help families break the intergenerational cycle of low literacy and poverty.*

## **Marshfield Clinic Health System**

### **PROGRAM: Reach Out and Read**

*The Reach Out and Read program distributes books to caregivers at well-child visits for children ages 6 months to 5 years to educate them on the importance of reading aloud to their children. The first five years of life offer a critical window for brain development. Early exposure to literacy stimulates the child's brain development, preparing them to start school on target. Research shows that children who start school on track are more likely to reach their full educational, social, and life potential.*

## **FINANCIAL STABILITY**

## **Chippewa Valley Technical College Foundation**

### **PROGRAM: United Way Microgrant Program**

*United Way, in partnership with the Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC) Foundation, has established the United Way Microgrant Program. This program offers microgrants (in amounts up to \$900) to support qualifying students in locally in-demand degree programs at CVTC. Because students who have unmet financial needs are at risk of not completing their education, United Way is working to reduce financial barriers (such as tuition, books, child care, auto repair, utilities and food) for these students so they can finish their degree programs. When these students graduate, they will help boost our local economy by filling the skills gaps that have been identified by Chippewa Valley employers. Students who have unmet financial need (based on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid or FAFSA) are eligible to apply for the United Way microgrants if they are enrolled in the following CVTC programs:*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architectural Structural Design        | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Assistant             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical Power Distribution          | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Laboratory Technician |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Automation Engineering                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing Assistant             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Mechanic                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing-Associate Degree      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IT-Mobile Developer                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Residential Construction      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IT-Network Specialist                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Truck Driving                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IT-Software Developer                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Welding                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Machine Tooling Technics               | <input type="checkbox"/> Welding Fabrication           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing Engineering Technologist |  |

*United Way also recognizes that financial emergencies can happen, so emergency microgrants are also available throughout the school year to students in these programs, generally in amounts up to \$500 based on the student's individual emergency. In the first two years, United Way provided more than \$300,000 to 211 students to keep them enrolled and successful in their degree programs*

## **FamilyMeans**

### **PROGRAM: Financial Solutions**

*At FamilyMeans, we focus on providing financial education and counseling to benefit the well-being of the entire family. Financial Solutions offers budget and debt counseling, debt management program, student loan counseling, credit report review counseling, and financial education to help families develop the skills needed to establish and maintain financial stability. Our counselors are trained and certified by the National Foundation for Credit Counseling, the national leader in setting high standards and ethical practices for nonprofit community agencies.*

## **Junior Achievement of Wisconsin, Inc.**

### **PROGRAM: Personal Finance and Work Readiness Education**

*Junior Achievement prepares young people to successfully navigate their economic future. Through learning experiences that stimulate future success and support career discovery, JA programs provide students with the financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and work-readiness skills that they will need to become responsible citizens and succeed in a global economy.*

## **Western Dairyland, EOC, Inc.**

### **PROGRAM: Fresh Start**

*The Fresh Start program works with young people, ages 17-25, from Eau Claire and Chippewa counties. The program provides education, employment skills and career direction for at-risk young people by involving them in the construction of a new house. When completed, the house is sold to an income-eligible family in the community. In addition to the "hands-on" learning that comes from building the house, the program offers a variety of classroom instruction, counseling, financial literacy and money management, leadership, pre-employment training to obtain and retain a job, and job search assistance.*

## **Workforce Resource, Inc.**

### **PROGRAM: Employment and Training Program\***

*This plan will expand existing work-readiness workshops for 500 individuals in Chippewa and Eau Claire Counties to include an in-depth career exploration of high-demand careers in the region. It will also teach financial literacy to low-income individuals in order for them to become self-sufficient upon securing employment.*

*\*In fiscal partnership with: Boy Scouts and University of Wisconsin-Extension*

## **BASIC NEEDS**

## **Bolton Refuge House, Inc.**

### **PROGRAM: Crisis Intervention Services**

*Crisis Intervention Services provide confidential personal advocacy to victims who are in need of immediate support. Advocacy services are also provided to children who have been exposed to or witness abuse. To address the basic needs of individuals, Bolton Refuge House (BRH) provides an 18 room emergency shelter in downtown Eau Claire. In addition to sheltering, BRH provides food, clothing, vouchers, safety planning, information and referrals. All services are provided to aid the individual and family with their immediate needs and to provide an opportunity to assist the individual in creating safety and stability in their lives.*

## **Catholic Charities**

### **PROGRAM: Shelter for Homeless Adults**

*Shelter for Homeless Adults is a collaborative effort of two agencies, Catholic Charities and Lutheran Social Services, to provide shelter to homeless men and women for up to 21 hours a day.*

*\*In fiscal partnership with: Positive Avenues*

## **Chippewa County Housing Authority (CCHA)**

### **PROGRAM: Tenant Based Rental Assistance**

*Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) is designed to help low-income households who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless secure and afford a decent rental unit in the private housing market. Participants pay a portion of the rent based on their income to the landlord and the Housing Authority pays the rest, also directly to the landlord. Program participants are required to work with a case manager for supportive services. The case manager assists the participant to solve problems that lead to the housing emergency and helps them to stabilize their housing.*

## **Chippewa Valley Free Clinic**

### **PROGRAM: Comprehensive Health Care for Impoverished and Low-Income Families**

*The Chippewa Valley Free Clinic provides comprehensive health care services to low income and impoverished families living at, or below 200% of the federal poverty level who have no reasonable health care alternative.*

*Clinic services include acute and basic care, mental health, chronic disease, eye care and oral health, dental services, medications and lab services. Our comprehensive approach means patients are evaluated and receive care for any condition within the scope of Clinic services. We strive to provide better health and quality of life to the most disadvantaged people in our communities.*

## **Chippewa Valley Technical College Foundation, Inc.**

### **PROGRAM: CVTC Dental Clinic**

*The Chippewa Valley Dental Clinic is a working, learning clinic. The clinic operates through a partnership of community, university, and technical college health providers to train dental care professionals and serve the oral health needs of low-income populations. Clinic staff provide comprehensive, patient-centered care to patients, including all major primary, preventive, and restorative services. The clinic's mission is to create culturally competent and socially minded health care practitioners for the future. The clinic's primary focus is on education, with low-income patient care an important outcome.*

## **The Community Table**

### **PROGRAM: The Community Table**

*The Community Table's mission is to serve balanced, nutritious meals in a safe, welcoming environment and to connect those in need with existing resources.*

## **Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley, Inc.**

### **PROGRAM: Homeless shelters for Families**

*Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley, Inc. and Western Dairyland EOC, Inc. provide emergency shelter to families with children who are homeless in the Chippewa Valley. The two agencies collaborate to ensure that those in the greatest need are served in the setting, Beacon House shelter or Western Dairyland single family temporary apartments that will allow the family to be most successful. Most importantly, the goal for each family is to help them to obtain permanent housing and end homelessness.*

*\*In fiscal partnership with: Western Dairyland Economic Opportunity Council, Inc.*

## **Legacy Community Center, Inc.**

### **PROGRAM: Agnes' Table**

*Agnes' Table provide nutritious meals and hospitality to residents in need.*

## **Open Door Clinic, Inc.**

### **PROGRAM: Medical and Prescription Services**

*The Open Door Clinic's ongoing services dovetail with our mission, which is to provide basic health care and serve as a connection to community resources to help improve the health of our neighbors, friends, and families in Chippewa County. We are dedicated to providing high quality care. We understand the link between preventative health care and the development of chronic illnesses and co-morbidities. Chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease are among the most costly of all health problems but are also the most preventable, thus treatment and prevention are foremost in our objectives.*

## **West Central Wisconsin Community Action Agency (West CAP)**

### **PROGRAM: Homeless Prevention Program**

*The Homeless Prevention Program provides medium and long-term housing and supportive services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness, or who are at risk of homelessness, in west central Wisconsin.*

## **Western Dairyland Economic Opportunity Council, Inc.**

### **PROGRAM: Housing First**

*Housing First is a program that provides permanent housing to people experiencing chronic homelessness, and serves as a platform from which they can pursue goals and improve their quality of life. This approach is guided by the belief that people need basic necessities like a place to live before attending to anything less critical, such as securing employment, budgeting properly, or attending to substance use issues. Housing First is based on the theory that client choice is valuable in housing selection and supportive service participation. Exercising their choice likely makes clients more successful in remaining housed and improving their life.*

## **COMMUNITY IMPACT BEYOND GRANT FUNDING**

### **Health Initiatives:**

#### **Community Health Assessment (CHA)**

*United Way collaborates with public health departments and local hospitals in the Chippewa Valley every three years to identify the top health issues in our communities.*

#### **FamilyWise Discount Prescriptions**

*537 people saved over \$64,885 on prescriptions last year thanks to this partnership. This allows residents to save precious dollars for basic living expenses.*

#### **QPR: Question, Persuade, Refer**

*In collaboration with community partners, United Way is playing a key role in facilitating suicide prevention training with local youth and adults.*

### **Education Initiatives:**

#### **Born Learning Trails**

*Ten trails were installed by volunteers in 2017 across the Chippewa Valley.*

#### **Home Visiting Council**

*An opportunity for networking and professional development for Home Visiting professionals working with families with children 0-5 years of age. 54 Home Visiting professionals attended meetings and trainings in 2017.*

## **Parent Cafés**

*Supporting parents, guardians, and caregivers through the Strengthening Families Protective Factors model. More than 13 Cafés were provided in 2017 by 4 organizations.*

## **“Read to Me” Book Month**

*A month long event to highlight early literacy outcomes and the importance of reading every day. Thirteen reading events took place in 2017 and 1,000 literacy kits were provided to children.*

## **Talking is Teaching Campaign**

*A child from a low-income home hears 30 million less words by the age of 3 than their counterparts. Talking is Teaching addresses the word gap through public awareness and resource sharing.*

## **Financial Stability Initiatives: Financial Coaching**

*United Way is connecting trained volunteers to community members requesting assistance in meeting financial goals. This FREE program is currently being piloted with 8 community volunteers.*

## **My Free Taxes**

*Our MyFreeTaxes.com partnership with United Way Worldwide and H&R Block allowed 165 Chippewa Valley residents to file their taxes for free, saving an estimated \$33,000 in tax preparation costs. Filers’ average return was \$1,752.*

## **Workplace Financial Education**

*United Way is coordinating FREE workplace financial education sessions to help individuals manage their finances.*

## **Basic Needs:**

### **Emergency Food and Shelter Program**

*United Way annually administers distribution of over \$60,000 as part of this federally funded program.*

## **Volunteer Coordination:**

### **Day of Caring**

*In 2017, over 900 volunteers provided labor valued at over \$85,000 to local nonprofits.*

## **Meal Packaging Event**

*150 volunteers were coordinated to package 80,000+ meals for the Weekend Kids’ Meal program distributed by Feed My People Food Bank.*

## **Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive**

*United Way partners with local Letter Carriers to recruit 30+ volunteers and promote participation for this national food drive. In 2018, over 100,000+ pounds of food was collected for local pantries.*