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## United Way Blackhawk Region invests more than \$2.344 million in Community

BLACKHAWK REGION – United Way Blackhawk Region (UWBR) announces an investment of more than \$2.3 million to support local programs in Rock and northern Winnebago counties in 2018-19.

The annual Community Grant process is designed to award funds to programs demonstrating community need, articulating program efficacy and results. Through the highly competitive process, United Way Blackhawk Region's volunteer Board of Directors approved \$2,344,601 in grant funding for 62 local health and human services programs over an 18 month period.

The 18 month grant period serves as the first incremental step toward a new two-year funding cycle. Multi-year funding has become a standard across the United Way network, as it places an emphasis on longer-term programming to achieve greater impact. In small group discussions that took place earlier this year, both partner agency executives and United Way volunteers agreed that benefits of the new process include more time focused on achieving outcomes, less time spent on the application process, and the welcomed ability to plan farther ahead.

“Year after year, we’re amazed by the level of commitment and stewardship our skilled volunteers bring to the grant review process. Three tiers of robust review were conducted, a generous donation resulting in more than 700 hours of volunteer time,” said United Way Blackhawk Region President & CEO Mary Fanning-Penny. “We’re incredibly proud of the integrity of this in-depth process, and acknowledge that our big-hearted volunteers are tasked with a really tough job.”

Programs receiving grants in 2018-19, administered by 28 nonprofit organizations, are aligned with United Way's Community Impact areas of health, education and financial stability - the building blocks for a good quality of life.

**Health:** \$475,660 will be invested to:

- Improve community wellness by ensuring access to medical, dental and mental health care.
- Provide kids with opportunities to enhance their health, as well as empower youth about how to make healthy choices and avoid risky behaviors.
- Provide individuals and families with services to lead healthy and productive lifestyles.

**Education:** \$689,082 will be invested to:

- Help kids be ready to learn and succeed in school through access to quality early care and education, and parent/family awareness and engagement.
- Support youth to be successful inside and outside the classroom through mentoring and enrichment opportunities.
- Provide students with pathways to high school graduation and post-secondary success.

**Financial Stability:** \$1,093,859 will be invested to:

- Stabilize families in crisis by providing emergency food, shelter, transportation, rent assistance, and advocacy.
- Help adults become self-sufficient through access to quality child care, job training, and supports to overcome barriers to sustaining employment.
- Improve the education level of adults and create more financially secure situations for themselves and their families.

In addition, United Way is investing \$25,000 to provide 2-1-1, an information and referral service providing 7/24/365 access to a caring, compassionate person that can connect residents to local resources. The board of directors also approved up to \$20,000 in capacity building and venture grant funding, as well as up to \$40,000 in emergency funding. United Way will again spend \$1,000 to host Get Connected, a volunteer engagement website for the region.

In 2018 and beyond, United Way's Board of Directors will be exploring additional opportunities to strategically invest donor dollars in community-led initiatives working to develop innovative solutions to our most daunting problems.

"Community grants are made possible thanks to the generosity of more than 8,000 donors and the 200 plus community-minded organizations that host United Way workplace campaigns," said Jon Schlemmer, Board Chair for United Way Blackhawk Region. "We are working hard to identify every donor and dollar possible to move the needle on tough-to-solve issues. If our community joins us in these efforts and the campaign goal is attained, we'll be eager to allocate and announce additional investments or initiative funding in the months ahead."

United Way's 2018-19 Community Grants are dependent upon a successful fundraising campaign, which currently stands at \$732,585 or 29% of the \$2.5 million dollar goal. To find out how to facilitate a workplace campaign, make a donation or Live United in other ways, visit [LiveUnitedBR.org](http://LiveUnitedBR.org) or call (608) 757-3040.

### **About United Way Blackhawk Region**

United Way fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in every community. We win by Living United, by forging unlikely partnerships and by finding new solutions to old problems; by mobilizing the best resources; and inspiring individuals to join the fight against a common foe, each community's most daunting social crises. United Way Blackhawk Region Lives United against poverty, family violence, hunger and homelessness to name a few, by providing community grants and resources to 62 human services programs at 28 nonprofit agencies in Rock County, Wis. and northern Winnebago County, Ill. More information is available at [LiveUnitedBR.org](http://LiveUnitedBR.org).

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## United Way Blackhawk Region

	2018-2019 Investments
<b>Program Partner/Program</b>	
<b>AIDS Resource Center of WI</b>	\$ 7,500
Case Management	\$ 7,500
<b>American Red Cross Badgerland</b>	\$ 45,000
Disaster Services	\$ 42,000
Services to the Armed Forces	\$ 3,000
<b>Beloit Meals on Wheels</b>	\$ 105,000
Home Delivered Meals	\$ 105,000
<b>Beloit Regional Hospice</b>	\$ 15,000
Palliative Care Program	\$ 15,000
<b>Boys &amp; Girls Club of Janesville</b>	\$ 90,000
Youth Development and Guidance Program	\$ 90,000
<b>Catholic Charities</b>	\$ 65,000
FACE - Kids	\$ 60,000
Recreation for Adults with Disabilities	\$ 5,000
<b>Community Action, Inc.</b>	\$ 381,000
AWARE	\$ 28,500
Beloit Fresh Start Program	\$ 15,000
Community Kids Program	\$ 90,000
Fatherhood Initiative	\$ 45,000
Transitional Living Program	\$ 81,000
Personal Responsibility Empowerment Program (PREP)	\$ 15,000
Merrill Community Center Senior Program	\$ 19,968
Merrill Community Center Afterschool Program	\$ 86,532
<b>ECHO</b>	\$ 90,000
Echo Way Home	\$ 90,000
<b>Edgerton Community Outreach</b>	\$ 45,000
Food Pantry	\$ 15,000
Client Services	\$ 30,000
<b>Epilepsy Foundation Heart of Wisconsin, Inc.</b>	\$ 12,000
Supportive Care	\$ 12,000
<b>Family Services of S.W.A.N.I.</b>	\$ 265,000
Beloit Domestic Violence Survivor Center	\$ 85,000
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Rock County	\$ 75,000
Individual and Family Counseling	\$ 45,000
Sexual Assault Recovery Program	\$ 40,000
Youth2Youth	\$ 20,000
<b>Girl Scouts Badgerland Council</b>	\$ 5,000
Leadership Experience	\$ 5,000
<b>Glacier's Edge Council Boy Scouts of America</b>	\$ 10,000
Boy Scouts	\$ 5,000
Cub Scouts	\$ 5,000
<b>Family Promise</b>	\$ 25,000
Emergency Shelter for Homeless Families	\$ 25,000
<b>HealthNet</b>	\$ 96,360
Dental Care	\$ 49,500
Primary Medical Care	\$ 43,527
Vision Care	\$ 3,333
<b>Janesville Community Day Care Center</b>	\$ 58,500
Ruger Site Tuition Assistance	\$ 58,500
<b>KANDU Industries</b>	\$ 11,250
Waiting List Project	\$ 11,250
<b>Lutheran Social Services</b>	\$ 46,000
Counseling Program	\$ 30,000
Enrichment Center	\$ 4,750
Runaway and Youth Services (RAYS)	\$ 11,250
<b>Nutrition &amp; Health Associates</b>	\$ 15,750
Prenatal Care & Nutrition Education	\$ 15,750
<b>Project 16:49</b>	\$ 7,500
Robin House Transitional Living Program	\$ 7,500
<b>Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)</b>	\$ 54,000
Community Referrals	\$ 10,000
In Home Groups	\$ 1,500
Intergenerational Program	\$ 7,500
Seniors Volunteering for Seniors	\$ 35,000
<b>Salvation Army Beloit</b>	\$ 125,000
Corps Community Center	\$ 37,500
Feeding Program	\$ 56,000
Food Pantry	\$ 16,500
Rental Payment Services	\$ 15,000

<b>Program Partner/Program</b>	<b>2018-2019 Investments</b>
<b>Salvation Army Janesville</b>	\$ 63,300
Family Social Services Assistance Program	\$ 60,000
Youth Development Community Center	\$ 3,300
<b>Special Methods in Learning Equine Skills (SMILES)</b>	\$ 40,500
Equine Assisted Therapy	\$ 33,000
Scholarship Fund	\$ 7,500
<b>Stateline Boys &amp; Girls Club</b>	\$ 225,000
Youth Development & Guidance	\$ 225,000
<b>Stateline Family YMCA</b>	\$ 85,500
Beloit Childcare, After School Care and Day Camp Scholarships	\$ 45,000
Beloit Youth Membership Scholarships	\$ 13,500
Beloit Youth Program Scholarships	\$ 27,000
<b>Stateline Literacy Council</b>	\$ 53,141
Adult Basic Education	\$ 9,035
English as a Second Language	\$ 44,106
<b>YWCA Rock County</b>	\$ 216,300
Alternatives to Violence	\$ 67,500
CARE House	\$ 66,300
Child Care Program	\$ 7,500
Immigrant Outreach Services	\$ 52,500
Transitions for Women	\$ 22,500
<b>Total Community Grant Investment</b>	\$ 2,258,601
<b>United Way's 2-1-1</b>	\$ 25,000
<b>Capacity Building and Venture Grants</b>	\$ 20,000
<b>Deficit/Emergency Funding</b>	\$ 40,000
<b>Get Connected</b>	\$ 1,000
<b>Additional 2018 Investments</b>	\$ 86,000
<b>Total 2018 UWBR Investment</b>	\$ 2,344,601