VOLUNTEERS

WEEK OF ACTION

70 volunteers worked for **119** hours to complete projects for families and community members.

RETIRE UNITED volunteers created kits for homebound seniors, to ensure they are able to stay as independent as possible in their homes. Seniors were gifted activity books, energy-efficient light bulbs, first aid kits, and new mittens.

633 Summer Slide kits were created for four different school districts which encouraged reading, outdoor exploration, and journaling.

200 Medicine Safety Kits were assembled for Social Services and Public Health Nurses to gift to individuals to ensure medications are safely stored and disposed of properly.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY | 2022

On this day, more than 500 volunteers raked **130** yards for 768 hours, for community members who are elderly or physically unable to do fall yard work themselves. This allows them to remain in their homes and provides a needed service free of any cost.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OCTOBER 28, 2023

"Volunteering makes me feel like a part of the community and I love to give back."

307 **AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP** volunteers dedicated **34,361** hours to volunteering at 42 different sites throughout Marathon County.

Joyce and Robert, in their 80s and live in their own home, are unable to do yard work because of limited mobility. They count on Make a Difference Day each year to clear their yard of leaves and debris. This small act of service allows the couple to remain independent in their own home without the worry of raking leaves. This year the couple thanked the volunteers with milk and cookies. They spoke with the volunteers and shared stories of when their children were young and enjoyed jumping in the leaf piles with the family dog.

COMMUNITY CLOSETS

In total these dedicated volunteers logged **1,083** hours to wash, sort and pack clothing orders.

The **Career Closet** served **193** individuals with clothing to help them start their new job.

102 steel-toed boots were distributed to individuals through **Boots to Work**, for manufacturing employment. This is a great example of supporting community members who are working to support their families.

The Clothing Closets at United Way offer new and gently used clothing for families at no cost. These services allow families to gain some financial independence and maintain their dignity in challenging economic times. This year **Rebecca's Closet** served **20** different agencies in the Marathon County and more than **740** children.

Mark went back to work, after a career change, and needed steel-toed boots to begin. He was hired at an open interview in the industrial park and could begin the following week. Through a referral to the Boots to Work program at United Way, he was able to pick up steel-toed boots and a few pairs of pants to begin his new career.

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