



# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT



United Way  
of Marathon County



## United Way of Marathon County

Thanks to you, this past year highlighted the generosity of our donors and volunteers, and displayed the resilient commitment of our talented staff and funded partners to help those in our community most in need. United Way of Marathon County brought together resources at a most critical time and expanded our capacity to reach people in a variety of new ways. The Board of Directors and United Way staff also started a purposeful strategic planning process to ensure we can continue to build upon the impact of your donations.

Thank you for trusting us to invest your dollars to make the greatest impact in the community. We appreciate every dollar donated, every hour of volunteer service given, and every person who advocated on behalf of our mission. United Way and our partners are here because of YOU.



Chris Pfender,  
2021 United Way of Marathon County Board President  
Intercity State Bank

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# OUR MISSION

Unite people and organizations in Marathon County to build a stronger community and strategically invest in education, financial stability, and health priorities to improve lives now and into the future.



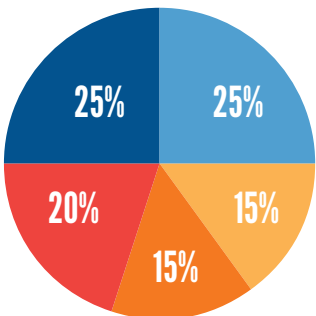
## DID YOU KNOW?

While the annual campaign is the foundation of how we fund our work in the community, United Way also leverages other grants and revenue sources to meet community needs.

## 2021 REVENUE

Net Campaign . . . . .	\$2,650,065
Restricted Grants for Special Projects . . . . .	\$673,477
Other (Interest, Match, Endow, Misc) . . . . .	\$258,696
Use of Reserves . . . . .	(\$281,996)
<b>Total Revenue . . . . .</b>	<b>\$3,300,242</b>

## YOUR MONEY AT WORK



■ Education . . . . .	\$672,000
■ Financial Stability . . . . .	\$405,500
■ Health . . . . .	\$520,000
■ 211/Volunteer Connection . . . . .	\$408,388
■ Mission Focused Community Service Work/Restricted Grant Projects . . . . .	\$666,578

Total Community Investments . . . . .	\$2,672,466
Campaign, Communications & Administration . . . . .	\$627,776
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES . . . . .</b>	<b>\$3,300,242</b>



# AN IMPACT IN YOUR COMMUNITY

In 2021, United Way's 211 answered **5,193** requests for help from Marathon County residents, providing **11,881** referrals to community resources.

**1,792** were COVID-19 related calls



**167** inquires for the Wisconsin Addiction and Recovery Helpline



*\*Nikki\* and her family were under quarantine for COVID-19, and their family's income had taken a big hit. They needed assistance with food, diapers, utilities, and phone payments. She called 211 and spoke with a call specialist who provided her with resources to address all of her concerns. When 211 followed up with Nikki, she shared she had immediately gotten help with diapers and food, and was working on getting help in the other areas. She was very grateful to 211 for the help.*

*\*Name changed for confidentiality of client and her children.\**

**211** is a free, confidential information and referral service that connects people from all communities to the essential health and human services they need, 24 hours a day, seven days a week through phone, email, text, web, and chat.



HOUSING



FOOD



INCOME SUPPORT



MENTAL HEALTH/  
ADDICTION



UTILITY  
ASSISTANCE



INFORMATION  
SERVICES



There is always a friendly voice available to answer the call and caring help at no cost.

211 received national accreditation and answered the call 24 hours, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, without fail.



United Way of Marathon County was created in the summer of 1930, by a group of Wausau businessmen and civic leaders to meet community needs. We are committed to investing your donations to serve the greatest needs in our community. United Way's work has expanded to include coalitions, task force members, committees, volunteers, Affinity Groups and people like you who work collaboratively with traditional funded partners to get results on important issues in our community.



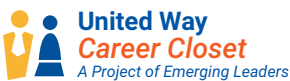
This year United We Can collected more than 5,000 lbs of food and donated this to nine area food pantries. Food insecurity is defined as a lack of consistent access to enough food for every person in a household to live an active, healthy life. United Way is committed to making sustainable change in our community and did this with the help of 15 companies donating nonperishable foods. For the second year in a row, the Peoples Choice Award, with the most votes went to Healthfirst Network.



United Way Community Closets are volunteer-run, donation-driven projects of Emerging Leaders and Women United. They are housed in the same building as the United Way office, in space donated by Ghidorzi Companies.

The goals of the two Closets are similar – to help low-income individuals and families overcome barriers that stand in the way of their success. For many who are struggling financially, a little help with clothing can make a big difference.

In 2021, 8,644 children's clothing items were distributed through Rebecca's Closet to ensure children were prepared for school, weather, and seasonal changes. 86 individuals received new or gently used steel toed boots and 159 individuals utilized the Career Closet to obtain business professional clothing.



## DID YOU KNOW?

639 volunteer hours were recorded by volunteers in 2021 to fulfill orders in the Career Closet and Rebecca's Closet.

# 2021 CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE

Thank you to all the companies who supported United Way with a company workplace campaign in 2021. The Circle of Excellence Awards recognize corporate and employee giving.

## PLATINUM AWARD \$500,000+



We would like to recognize Greenheck, our top Platinum Award Winning Company for 2021. They have been a Platinum Award Winner since 2017 and their dedication to philanthropy is shown throughout the community. Greenheck's financial giving and employee volunteerism have created lasting positive change in our community. Our employees have given back to this area with donations, volunteer hours, special events, supply drives, and corporate gifts.

## GOLD AWARD

\$200,000 - \$500,000



## SILVER AWARD

\$100,000 - \$200,000



## BRONZE AWARD

\$25,000 - \$100,000

Ahlstrom - Munksjo	EO Johnson Business Technologies	Marshfield Clinic	UnitedHealth Group
Associated Bank	Footlocker.com/Eastbay	Nationwide	UPS
BMO Harris Bank	J & D Tube Benders	North Central Health Care	Wausau Chemical Corporation
Connexus Credit Union	Liberty Mutual	Peoples State Bank	Wausau Window and Wall Systems
Crystal Finishing Systems	Linetec	Regal Rexnord	
		Ruder Ware	

## PARTNER AWARD

\$10,000 - \$25,000

Aqua Finance	Herb Kohl Philanthropies	Rocket Industrial
Coldwell Banker Action Realty	L&S Electric	Van Ert Electric
D C Everest School District	Menzner Hardwoods	Wausau Homes Inc
Ghidorzi	Mid-Wisconsin Beverage	Wausau School District
Graphic Packaging International	Miron Construction	Wipfli
Green Bay Packaging	Northcentral Technical College	Wisconsin Public Service

## ASSOCIATE AWARD

\$2,500 - \$10,000

Bone & Joint Clinic	Marathon County Government	The Women's Community
Brickner's of Wausau	Medical College of Wisconsin	Thrivent Financial
Bridge Community Health Clinic	Merrill Steel	United Way of Marathon County
CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen LLP)	Mosinee School District	Wausau City Government
Cloverbelt Credit Union	MPPL Financial	Wausau MedMal Services
Domtar	News 9 WAOW	Wausau Supply Company
Intercity State Bank	O'Malley Autos	WPS Health Insurance
M3 Insurance	Target	WSAW Channel 7
Maple Ridge Farms	The Dirks Group	

# Tocqueville Society Honorees

Since 1985 United Way of Marathon County has honored 13 local philanthropists for their long term support of United Way.

Caroline Mark  
Richard Dudley  
Marv & Ruth Schuette  
E.O. Johnson  
Dwight & Linda Davis

Bernie & Esther Greenheck  
George & Estelle Wolff  
Stan & Mary Staples  
Carl & Barbara Drake  
Robert C. Greenheck

Larry Niederhofer  
John & Nancy Skoug  
Nancy Frawley

## The Legacy Circle

These donors continue to impact our community with their endowment gifts through our Legacy Circle, enriching our community not just now, but forever. Planned giving is a way to maximize your philanthropic goals.

Caroline Mark

E.O. Johnson

Nancy Frawley

## United Way Summit League

### SUMMIT LEAGUE SPONSORS



### ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE: \$10,000+

Dwight & Linda Davis  
Todd & Sherrie Dirkman  
Carl & Barbara Drake  
Tom & Janet Felch  
Rob & Sharon Flashinski  
Ghidorzi Family  
Marie Goldbach  
Robert A. Greenheck  
Robert C. Greenheck  
Mary Jo Johnson  
Ronald & Janet Klimisch Fund  
Jim & Hilary McIntyre  
Dennis & Bonnie Mealy  
Rob & Kris Rybarczyk  
Donald Ryd  
Sherry Scantlin & Tommy Garver  
R.J. Schuette  
John & Nancy Skoug  
Scott & Mary Turner  
Robert & Ruth Van Ert  
Bob & Peg Wolff  
Anonymous (2)

### FINAL ASCENT: \$4,000-\$9,999

Dick Austin  
Mark & Ann Bradley Fund  
Ed & Roseanne Buchberger  
Alexander Coffin  
Rita Crooks  
Dr. Joel & Donna DeKoning  
Dennis & Anne DeLoye  
Dean & C. Ann Dietrich  
James Golz  
Aaron & Sue Gotham  
Kathy Groethe  
Kay Gruling & Tim Buttke  
Matthew & Sandra Heywood  
Scott & Shelly Hogan  
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Dave & Laurie Kallstrom  
Lee & Joanne Kelly  
Roger & Kathy King  
Steven Ludy  
Duane & Jill Meyer  
Todd & Camille Nicklaus  
Kevin & Diane O'Connell  
Jeff Oswald & Jody Tarkowski  
Margi Reardon  
Jennifer Redman-Schell  
Bill & Mary Nell Reif  
Marty Robbins  
Mary Ellen Schill  
Kurt & Laura Schoenrock  
Sid & Andrea Sczygelski  
Staples Family Fund  
Scott & Beth Stieber  
Jeff & Becky Stubbe  
Totzke Family  
Linda Ware  
Mic Wendorf  
Dan & Sue Zastoupil  
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### CAMP FIVE: \$2,600-\$3,999

Ryan & Erin Andrews Family  
Gary & Stacy Bachand  
Gary Bezucha  
Jeff & Mary Kay Blomquist  
Thad & Jessica Brockman  
Julianna & John Burmesch Charitable Fund  
Peter Dodson & Lisa Grill Dodson  
Dave & Marie Eisenreich  
Ryan & Mary Gallagher  
Tom & Becky Gatzke  
Don & Karen Grade  
Craig & Kim Heller  
Chad & Stephanie Hoffmann  
Judy Howard  
Mark & Amy Huftel  
Ray & Beth Kroll  
Jon & Desta Krueger  
Tom & Nancy Kryshak  
Gene & Marilyn Lang  
Sherri Lemmer  
Mark & Laurie Matthiae  
John & Rhonda Monks  
Andy & Sarah Napgezek  
Brad & Jan Northcraft  
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Harvey Scholfield  
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Brian & Jane Smith  
David & Beverley Smith  
Rob & Amy Stack  
Robert & Julia Stavran  
Eric & Stacy Steinbach  
Gary & Sarah Stroyny  
Kyle & Betsy Utecht  
Don Waldrop  
Shanna Yonke  
Anonymous (6)

### CAMP FOUR: \$1,600-\$2,599

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Debra Ball  
Jay & Sue Bauman  
Swati and Amit Biswas  
Constance Bradley  
Matt Brewer  
Carolyn Bronston  
Andrew & Mauri Brueggeman  
Barbara Burnette  
Jason & Kelly Camarato  
Jon & Jennifer Close  
Mark & Nancy Dolenshek  
Kathy & Bill Drengler  
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Gregory & Elissa Ewan  
Randy & Jill Falstad  
Will & Robin Flett  
Harry Foerster  
Michael & Susan Franjiskakis

Matt & Kari Gaedtker  
Ryan & Ann Gage  
Robert & Laura Gall  
Julie Goranson  
Emily Gorski  
Paul & Dawn Gullickson  
Kendall & Holly Gullo  
Boyd & Dorinda Gustke  
Hankes Family Fund  
Jon Hardesty  
Scott Heaton  
Pat & Kim Heier  
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Michael Holzhueter  
Alan & Tracy Hougom  
Jane & Allen Huebsch  
Angela Hupf  
David Hyppio & Gail Grant  
Jim & Mary Lou Jones  
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Chris & Robin Kalk  
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Marty & Sandy Krach  
Bonnie Kraft  
Kevin & Jeana Kraft  
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William & Kathleen LaBrake  
Scott & Lisa Laurila  
James & Sharon Low  
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Jeff & Jill Michaud  
David & Nancy Molinare  
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Theresa Murphy  
Matt & Jill Palecek  
Barry & Nancy Passini  
Dennis & Lori Peck  
Chris Peplinski & Lisa Rowe-Peplinski  
Chris & Michelle Pfender  
Steve Phillipson & Jenni Schradle  
Jamie & Jennifer Reimer  
Scott Remmich  
Wendy Rheinschmidt  
Todd Richardson  
Ruth Risley-Gray  
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Jamie & Diane Schaefer  
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Mike & LeeAnn Shea  
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Mark & Gretchen Thuot  
Jesse & Maureen Tischer  
Christopher & Kristi Toner



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 Craig & Melissa Uhlenbrauck  
 Michael Van Order  
 Jerry Viste  
 Jim & Ava Waldron  
 Pat & Jeanne Wallschlaeger  
 Ernest Wayde  
 Jeff & Amy Wicklander  
 Scott & Janet Williams  
 Jerry & Jeannie Worden  
 Len & Arleen Wurman  
 Steven & Anna Mae Zeinemann  
 Anonymous (11)

**CAMP THREE: \$1,000-\$1,599**

Dewey & Cheryl Allen  
 Pam Anderson  
 Dr. Vicky Baker  
 Ellen Baldwin  
 Randy & Sara Bangs  
 David Bauer  
 Arden & Barbara Baumgardt  
 Rick & Melissa Beese  
 Peter Shank & Pam Behrens  
 Mark & Kelly Belke  
 Michael & Susan Berens  
 Dave & Kristen Berg  
 Gerald & Kay Bizjak  
 Kathryn Boneske  
 Barbara Bradley & Allen Limberg  
 Brian & Lori Brehmer  
 Lisa Bryan  
 Denis Burgess & Linda Kocourek  
 Robert Burish  
 Jeff & Karen Casey  
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 Damon Childers  
 Paul & Debra Chittum  
 Leif & Vickie Christianson  
 Scott Clark  
 Michael & Nicole Clark  
 Art & Deb Corallo  
 Drs. Mark & Barbara Crapster-Pregont  
 Alexander & Lisa Dahlke  
 Tom & Karen Daley  
 Tim & Deedee D'Amato  
 Linda Dotter  
 Colleen Draves  
 Eric & Jenna Drenkler  
 Kurt & Meranda Eggebrecht  
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 Steven & Sandra Ellis  
 Kim Entenmann  
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 Erik Finanger  
 Pamela & Gary Frary  
 Gary & Gina Freels  
 Steve & Amy Fronck  
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 Thomas & Suzanne Gallant, In Memory of  
 Nathan Gallant  
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 Charles & Nancy Glodowski  
 Jim Goheen  
 Tom & Annette Goltz  
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 Dave Greene  
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 David Hall  
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 William Hawkins  
 A.M. Hecht  
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 Oren & Cindy Hermel  
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 Kirk & Patti Howard  
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 Bill & Diane Mech  
 Jason & Jill Meschke  
 Russell Michalski  
 Vincent & Alice Mobley  
 Fred & Beth Mueller  
 Mark Munson  
 Nicole Nauer  
 David Nelson  
 Jen Nelson  
 Scott & Diane Nelson  
 Marc & Anh Nguyen  
 Jay & Sara Nickel  
 Larry Niederhofer  
 Scott & Pam Nielsen  
 Tricia Nielsen-Zorowski  
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 John & Ellen O'Malley  
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 Glendon Peterson  
 Mike & Karen Piel  
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 Kevin Porter  
 Don Rahne  
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 Tim Schotz  
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 Fred Schwalbach  
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 Scott & Jeni Seidel  
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 Tristan Shier  
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 Jack & Lisa Sondergard  
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 Bruce & Wendy Czech  
 Corey & Dawn Dobbs  
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 Allen & Michelle Emmerich  
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 James & CarrieJo Nelson  
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 Duane Nolte  
 Corina Norrbom  
 Brian & Connie Nowak  
 Brian Palm  
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 Patterson  
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 Leonard Rentmeester  
 Daniel & Rebecca Rickert  
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 Brian & Donna Roloff  
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 Michael Schmidt  
 Diane Sennholz & Carl Yaron  
 Mike & Lee Shipway  
 Elizabeth Spindler  
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 John & Melissa Straw  
 Steve & Carrie Strobel  
 Shawn & Jennifer Tellekson  
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 Jeffrey & Joni Todd  
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 Brian Wachsmuth  
 Thomas Walters  
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 Tom & Laurie Wengelski  
 Barbara West  
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 Sean Wright & Dr. Heather Meggers-  
 Wright  
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 Travis & Sarah Zydzik  
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 Kellie Broennimann  
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 Clare Cullen  
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 Bill Danuser  
 Tonya Damer  
 Paul & Patty David  
 Jeff & Dee Davis  
 Teri Deininger  
 Ron & Sue Dirks  
 Tim & Katie Dively  
 Jackie Edwards  
 Keith & Janis Ellison  
 John Enzenroth  
 Joseph Falstad  
 Laurie Fitzsimmons  
 Brian & Cheri Fochs  
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 Greg & Joy Foye  
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 Foundation  
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 Russell Gilbertson  
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 Jesse Jensen  
 Jennifer Johnson  
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# VOLUNTEER

United Way of Marathon County Connects organizations and volunteers to opportunities.



500 + volunteers raked 130 yards to support community members who are elderly or physically unable to carry out their yard work alone during **Make a Difference Week**.

370 volunteers used the **Get Connected** website.

3,000 books were donated during the Community Book Drive, cleaned, and distributed to our **Ready to Read** bookshelves and community agencies supporting literacy.

134 volunteers completed projects for 22 partner agencies during **Week of Action**.

## FIGHTING HUNGER

The **Marathon Hunger Coalition** executed a successful 2021 Turkey Trot with more than 1,550 runners and **\$53,000** raised.

This was the 12th Annual Turkey Trot, in which 100% of the proceeds benefit the Marathon County Hunger Coalition which distributed **2.1 million** pounds of food across Marathon County in 2021.

The race took place on Thanksgiving morning when the temperatures dipped to 20 degrees and snowflakes fell, while families cheered on their loved ones. Volunteers, children, dogs,



walkers, and fast runners participated in this family-friendly run. In 2022 the race will be moving locations and beginning at the 400 Block and Great Hall. Save the date for November 24, 2022.



The Marathon County Hunger Coalition partners with 17 food pantries, 7 local grocers, and numerous community partners to ensure food is widely distributed in Marathon County.







# EDUCATION & OUTREACH

**Power of the Purse** Virtual Auction raised **\$15,805** to be distributed to programs that support the Women United mission to increase the self-sufficiency of women to improve their lives, the lives of their family and the community as a whole.

**The Marathon County Early Years Coalition** hosted a virtual session for people titled, "Helping Transition Children, Youth, and Their Families to the Next Normal" with **seven** guest experts.

**240** Calm Kits were created by volunteers and distributed to students to encourage positive social emotional learning skills.



**8,000+** books were distributed to children age birth to five through the Ready to Read Program.



**1,145** students received the book, *A Green Green Garden* and learned about healthy eating during the Adopt a Classroom project.

**United Way**  
**RSVP of Marathon County**  
*Connecting Volunteers 55+ to Community Needs*



The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (**RSVP**) served **29,340** hours of volunteer time in 2021. **307** volunteers served in unique jobs. RSVP provided eight virtual education programs this year.



**RETIRE UNITED** members read **41** hours during a virtual reading buddy program called Vello. Nine volunteers met virtually, one-on-one, with **20** children at Marathon Elementary School. Thank you to Peoples State Bank, Woodtrust Bank, Ruder Ware, EO Johnson, Marathon Cheese, IncredibleBank, Connexus Cares, Nationwide, and Greenheck for your support.



## SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

- Stuart Randall- CLA- \$7,000.00 cash
- Greg Framke- Peoples State Bank- \$2,500.00 cash
- Dan Rutten- Greenheck- \$1,000.00 cash
- Paul Hunsanger- \$500.00 gift card to Jim Kryshak Jewelers
- Charles Marvin- Crystal Finishing- \$500.00 gift card to Crossroads County Market
- Donna Steckling- Eastbay/Footlocker- \$500.00 gift card to Kwik Trip
- Connie Koppa- Greenheck- \$500.00 gift card to Grebes
- Ryan Kellenberger- Peoples State Bank- \$500.00 gift card to Greater Wausau Chamber of Commerce
- Dawn O'Polka- Aspirus – \$500.00 gift card to Shepherd & Schaller
- Marsha Sipple – gift cards to Janke Bookstore, Sam's Pizza, Evolutions In Design, The Milk Merchant & Briq's Soft Serve

## THANK YOU TO OUR SWEEPSTAKES SPONSORS!



**Stephanie Daniels, Volunteer of the Year**

(Right) Ruder Ware has played an active role in supporting our community for years. (Left) Stephanie Daniels exemplifies volunteerism at its best through the Marathon County Hunger Coalition.



**Ruder Ware LIVE UNITED Award**



**Pam Knowles, DC Everest School District**

(Right) Dedication to Service Award for demonstrating outstanding achievement and service to our community and a lifetime of advocacy.

(Above) Staff from DC Everest with Pam, accepting the Workplace Campaigner of the Year Award.



**La'Tanya Campbell**



**Carol Pasnecker, Office Volunteer of the Year**

(Right) Tony has been a mentor for Retire United's mentorship program this year. Tony was instrumental in securing the RSVP program for Marathon County and has also been committed to issues affecting old adults for years. (Left) Fred and Carol Pasnecker. Award named after Carol, in memory of her life and dedication to service at United Way.

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**Tony Omernik, Retired Volunteer of the Year**



# LIVE UNITED



# IMPACT

Pictured left to right: Ben Lee, Director of Community Impact; Tara Glodowski, Director of Community Impact, Shanna Yonke, Ruder Ware and United Way President Elect; Amanda Sahr, Dwight and Linda Davis Foundation and United Way Board Member; Ryan Gallagher, Rocket Industrial and United Way Board Member; Julie Bliss, UnitedHealth Group and United Way Board Member.



2021 created opportunities for dollars to be invested in our community to help individuals achieve financial stability

our community. 4,472 individuals received mental health services from a United Way funded program and 3,714 clients gained knowledge about safe and healthy relationships.

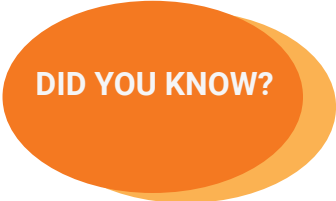
and increase access to healthy foods. 10,896 nights of shelter were provided by United Way funded programs and 2,163 individuals were able to move into, or remain in a safe and permanent house.

*\*Kelly\* has two children and no permanent home. She ended up in the Wausau area to get help from family. Shortly after arriving, her family asked her to leave. Most of her savings was spent on getting to Wisconsin. Some nights she and her children stayed in the car and others hopping around between homes of people she barely knew. A funded parter was able to help support Kelly in finding an apartment, rental assistance, and filled her pantry full of fresh foods. They were connected to public schools and established a medical provider in the community. While Kelly still has a long way to go towards stability, her children are finding support within their school network and new home.*

Because of the dollars invested in United Way of Marathon County, 13,100 individuals were assisted with food access and they didn't have to choose between food and other basic necessities.

*\*Name changed for confidentiality of client and her children\**

We continue to advocate for affordable housing and educate the community on financial stability one-step at a time while our partner agencies provide services for



**DID YOU KNOW?**

In Marathon County, individuals saved \$37,824 using the SingleCare Prescription Savings Card.







# United Way Emerging Leaders



Emerging Leaders is a dedicated group of young professionals representing nearly every industry in Marathon County who have a passion for social impact and an interest in professional development.

trainings such as Cook and Connect Lunch and Learns. Members were invited to discussions with local leaders, volunteered at the Warming Center, and provided 2,550 snack packs to area schools.



Members kept connected in creative ways by participating in virtual

They also had fun networking activities such as blanket making, sign painting, book clubs, and informational sessions, Off the Record.

## DID YOU KNOW?

This year, members had the opportunity to be paired with a Mentor from Retire United. These unique relationships created ongoing education, new friendships, and professional development for young professionals.

## EMERGING LEADERS SPONSORS





# UNITED WAY OF MARATHON COUNTY WOMEN UNITED

Women United is a philanthropic and fun group of women leaders who care deeply about our community by creating a better place for females facing various hardships in their life. They raise dollars and awareness to increase the self-sufficiency of women to improve their lives, the lives of their family, and the community as a whole. This year, members participated in a variety of engagement opportunities such as book clubs, volunteering and on-line events. Some of the best friendships and connections have been made through this energetic group of

women. They ran together for Turkey Trot, painted for Rise Up, prepared freezer meals, and raked yards during Make a Difference Week. Members raised money through their signature event, Power of the Purse, a virtual auction event of purses, accessories, and unique experiences.



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