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## Your United Way dollars at work in your community

Marshfield Area Respite Care Center Inc. is a Marshfield Area United Way partner agency. Without the support of United Way - and donors like you - Marshfield Area Respite Care Center would not be able to provide social stimulation and health services to seniors who require supervised care. Caregivers rely on Marshfield Area Respite Care to have a respite from their normal care-giving responsibilities.

Marilyn Seidl-Kramer, respite center program director, shared a story and letter that shows how important this United Way-funded agency is to the Marshfield community. One of Marilyn's favorite respite care participants, an 81-year-old woman, was struggling to cope with the sudden death of her son. He was 61.

"You really appreciate the contribution United Way makes to an organization that can help a family deal with something like this," Marilyn said. "It's really heart wrenching to grieve with a person with a memory impairment. The reality is there, but the memory is short. The grief comes and goes, but if you watch the facial expressions, you can tell when her son is on her mind."

After the son's funeral, Marilyn received this note from the woman's daughter:

*Dear Marilyn,*

*Thank you so much for coming to the funeral and showing your support for our family during this most difficult time. I was just having a moment trying to console Mom, take care of my husband and grieve for my precious brother, and there you were - my Godsend for the day! Mom loves you so much, and moments like this let us know why. I also want to thank you for taking Mom shopping for a dress. She looked beautiful. Losing my brother is really hard on us. He was such a generous, kind and considerate person. But those most dear never truly leave us.*

*Thanks again, Marilyn, for taking good care of Mom and being there for us.*



### 2012 Partner Programs

American Red Cross  
Auburndale Elementary Study Club  
Big Brothers Big Sisters  
Boy Scouts - Samoset Council  
Children's Service Society  
Chippewa Valley Boy Scouts  
The Family Center  
Family Resource Center  
Girl Scouts of Northwestern Great Lakes  
Home Delivered Meals  
Jeremiah's Crossing  
Kiddie Kaboose

Lutheran Social Services - Birth Parent Counseling  
Marshfield Area Respite Care Center  
Mary's Place: The Genesis Program  
North Central Community Action Program  
Pathway Partners  
Personal Development Center  
Right 2 Play 4 All  
Soup Or Socks  
Spencer Kids Group  
Wood County Child and Disability Resource Center  
Youth Net

Marshfield Area United Way's mission is to increase our community's capacity to care for one another.



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## Why I Give to United Way

By Marilyn Hardacre

Giving the United Way is easy. One gift to the Marshfield Area United Way can serve many of the 30 programs United Way funds. Consequently, I do not have to help fund the individual programs. And, I know that my gift is helping to meet all the various needs in our community.

Many lives in our community have been helped by a Marshfield Area United Way-funded program. Whether it be Home Delivered Meals, The American Red Cross, the Boy and Girl Scouts, Personal Development Center, Big Brothers Big Sisters or another program, all who are in need of assistance are served. As a part of the Marshfield-area community, I feel an obligation to help provide in a small way for the many unmet needs in our area.

I know that my small donation to the annual United Way campaign will make a difference in the lives of many people. It gives me a feeling of satisfaction in knowing I am doing my part to make our community a better place for all to live.

### Free Income Tax Preparation

In partnership with AARP and City of Marshfield: Parks & Recreation, have your taxes prepared for free by trained volunteers. Available by appointment February-April, residents with incomes lower than \$56,000 receive first priority. Call 715-384-9992 for more information.

The tax assistance program helps low- and moderate-income taxpayers have more discretionary income for everyday essentials such as food and housing, by assisting with tax services and ensuring they receive applicable tax credits and deductions. In 2010, the Tax program filed 444 state returns. They filed an additional 80 Earned Income Tax Credit claims resulting in \$63,654.

