

Marshfield Area United Way



More people seeking help for basic necessities



Affordable housing, limited employment opportunities and increased living expenses have put a strain on residents.

In 2012, United Way will fund 31 local human service programs \$610,220 to serve the Marshfield area's most pressing needs.

United Way provides the building blocks to a good life by helping residents work towards financial stability, give youth a good start and provide resources for our most vulnerable populations to live safe and independently.

In 2010, United Way Partner Programs helped

11,630 individuals from the Marshfield area, an increase from 11,467 in 2009.

"Although the Marshfield area is a great place to live, not everyone has what they need to survive, thrive and shine. United Way funds programs to fill the gaps by providing needed services, and the funding process assures that community need is what drives which programs are funded and at what levels," said Lori Belongia, Community Impact Committee Chair and United Way board member.

Throughout the year, human service agencies meet to discuss changes in service demands, trends, and holes in the community safety net, which helps establish priorities for funding consideration.

United Way contributors form review panels, which look at community needs and program applications.

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Help students start the school year prepared

Last year United Way's Fill a Backpack, Fulfill a Dream school supply drive collected and distributed more than 500 backpacks, nearly 100 more than in 2009.

You can help bring smiles to hundreds of children and youth from the Marshfield area by donating supplies.

In August, bring supplies to United Way at 156 South Central Avenue, Marshfield; call or visit our web site for locations in Granton, Greenwood, Loyal, Marshfield and Neillsville.

Backpacks are distributed to students Kindergarten to Eighth Grade from Auburndale, Granton, Greenwood, Loyal, Marshfield, Neillsville, Pittsville, Spencer and Stratford. To register call 715-384-9992 or dial 2-1-1.

Coordinated by United Way and Vita Plus-Loyal (Loyal-Greenwood-Granton Drive), Marshfield Clinic's Center for Community

Summer 2011

Basic Supply List

- 1 Plain Backpack
- Crayons (24)
- 12" Ruler (Centimeters/Inches)
- 1 Pack Colored Pencils
- 1 Large Box Kleenex
- 4 Pocket Folders
- 5 Glue Sticks
- 2 Red Pen/Pencils
- 1 Highlighter (Yellow)
- 1 Bottle of Glue
- Magic Markers (Washable)
- 2 Packs Loose-Leaf Paper (White/Wide-Ruled)
- 10-12 No. 2 Pencils (No Eversharps)
- 1 Fiskars Scissors
- 2 Large Erasers
- 1 Crayon Box or Zippered Fabric Pencil Pouch

Optional: One-Inch 3-Ring Binder

Outreach (Marshfield Drive) and Memorial Medical Center (Neillsville Drive).

For more information or a list specific to your town call 715-384-9992 or visit marshfieldareaunderway.org.

Plant a Row: Donate garden harvests to help feed hungry Marshfield area residents

Gardens, while a lot of work, also produce benefits. It's rewarding to put food on the table because of your efforts, time and care. Gardening is also a relief to your grocery bill.

This year, share these benefits by using your

green thumb to feed hungry residents in the Marshfield area this summer and fall.

When you harvest your garden, donate the fruits of your labor to our community food pantries.

Your efforts will put food on the table for families and provide a building block to a

good life—fresh produce for healthier eating and a way to save money when living costs continue to increase.

Since we introduced Plant a Row in 2009 there was a 5 percent increase in fresh produce donations, and a 25 percent increase in 2010.



For food pantry locations and hours dial 2-1-1 or visit www.getconnected211.org to search the database.



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FamilyWize helps residents save

In two years since United Way introduced the FamilyWize Prescription Discount Card, local residents saved more than \$134,553.10.

Residents have received an average savings of 52% or \$30 per prescription.

FamilyWize is free and available to everyone. There are no age, income or residency restrictions.

The card is easy to use because it requires no registration or activation. It is accepted at local pharmacies and offers customers the lowest prices on all prescription drugs, even medicine not covered by insurance.

To receive a discount, present the card at a participating pharmacy at each purchase.

Get your FamilyWize cards from United Way, call 715-384-9992.

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Budgets are reviewed to check for effectiveness and efficiency.

Campaign will begin this fall and run through the end of the year. Money raised will fund the 2012 Partner Programs. United Way is only able to address residents' needs through the community's contributions of time and money to the annual campaign.

Please consider giving this fall to support residents in need. If you need help, dial 2-1-1.

2012 Partner Programs

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| American Red Cross | Marshfield Area Respite |
| Auburndale Elementary | Care Center |
| Study Club | Mary's Place: The Genesis |
| Big Brothers Big Sisters | Program |
| Boy Scouts—Samoset Council | North Central Community |
| Children's Service Society | Action Program |
| Chippewa Valley Boy Scouts | Pathway Partners |
| The Family Center | Personal Development Center |
| Family Resource Center | Right 2 Play 4 All |
| Girl Scouts of Northwestern | Soup Or Socks |
| Great Lakes | Spencer Kids Group |
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