

# Thanks to you, the 2022 UWNEMN Campaign raised

# \$2,072,545

## Our Investments

- 8 direct service programs
- 26 partner agencies
- 14 local libraries' summer reading programs
- 14 area food shelves



## Our Impact

**Tens of thousands** of our local community members - children, neighbors, friends, and family - were positively affected by your donation to UWNEMN.

# 121,375 LIVES IMPACTED

## Our Influence

UWNEMN serves as the **connector** for nonprofit organizations across the region. When you support UWNEMN, you support a vast network of changemakers.



*All financials and statistics are calculated through fiscal year end March 31st.*



UWNEMN Executive Director  
Erin Shay

I am thrilled and humbled to share about the year we have had at United Way of Northeastern Minnesota (UWNEMN). The needs of our community constantly grow and change - many times in ways that we don't expect. As an independently operated United Way, we are able to quickly identify solutions and partnerships to better serve our region.

Because of enthusiastic workplace campaigns, generous donors, and dedicated volunteers, we are able to do more each year. Our team is growing, our programs are growing, and our impact is growing. Thank you for your support and choosing to give where you live.

# YEAR IN REVIEW

Check out some of this year's highlights thanks to your support!



UWNEMN secured a \$1.2 million dollar federal earmark to increase access to local childcare. Plans are underway for new facilities in Chisholm and Ely as a result.

Over 6,000 community members visited The Wall That Heals Veterans Memorial replica for a weeklong event focused on respect, remembrance, and healing to honor our Vietnam veterans.



This year, UWNEMN events raised a record-breaking \$206,000 to support our programs.

UWNEMN partner agencies benefited from additional resource training and networking events throughout the year.



Veterans' holiday meal kits expanded to include 17 Koochiching County veterans. Fifty Iron Range veterans also received these care packages.



## HELPING CHILDREN SUCCEED

Quality childcare, early childhood education, tutoring, mentoring, and more - helping our children reach their full potential and preparing them for bright, promising futures.

## OUR PROGRAMS

**2,443**  
Children

improved early literacy skills by receiving free monthly books through **\*Imagination Library**.

**FIVE**  
Schools

participated in **Lunch Buddies** mentoring program connecting elementary students with caring adult mentors.

**TEN**  
Years

of local childcare development through **Bright Beginnings**.

## OUR PARTNERS

- Arrowhead Center Adolescent Treatment
- Boys & Girls Club of Hibbing
- Camp Chicagami
- Check & Connect
- Ely Community Resource
- Girl Scouts of MN & WI Lakes and Pines
- Local Libraries with Summer Reading Programs
- ServeMinnesota Reading Corps
- Volunteers in Education (VinE)

*\* Starting in 2008, **Imagination Library** was UWNEMN's first Community Impact program and to date has mailed over 440,000 books to children ages 0-5 in our service area.*

## UWNEMN HAS THE LARGEST UNITED WAY SERVICE AREA IN MINNESOTA PROVIDING PROGRAMS

Alborn · Angle Inlet · Angora · Aurora · Babbitt · Baudette · Big Falls · Birchdale · Biwabik · Britt · Embarrass · Ericsburg · Eveleth · Floodwood · Forbes · Gheen · Gilbert · Hibbing · Hoyt Lakes · Indus · Markham · Meadowlands · Mizpah · Mountain Iron · Nashwauk · Northome · Orr · Palo · Pengilly · Pine



## EMPOWERING HEALTHY LIVES

Affordable healthcare access, support services, dental care, and more - helping our community members to live safe, healthy, and independent lives for as long as possible.

### OUR PROGRAMS

**1,675 Patients** received free and reduced cost dental care through **Smiles United** - available to all ages.

**250+ Veterans** attended monthly connection events and retreats to benefit physical and mental health through **United for Veterans**.

### OUR PARTNERS

- Angel Fund
- Care Partners
- Ely Community Health Center
- Koochiching Aging Options
- Northwoods Partners
- Project Care

### AFFILIATE AGENCIES

- American Red Cross
- AEOA Elder Services Network
- Floodwood Services & Training
- LSS Family Resource Center



## STABILIZING FAMILIES & INDIVIDUALS

Emergency food, safe shelter, housing services, disaster relief, support for domestic violence and sexual assault - helping each other to become self-sufficient and build stronger communities.

### OUR PROGRAMS

**12,023 Meals** were served to children at nine regional sites through **Meet Up and Chow Down**.

**1,038 Children** received weekend meal kits in 14 local school districts through **Buddy Backpacks**.

**1,640 Individuals** received new household items after a crisis or emergency through **Comforts of Home**.

### OUR PARTNERS

- Advocates for Family Peace
- Backus Community Center
- Food Shelves Area Wide
- Friends Against Abuse
- Koochiching County Food Access
- N.S.L.C. Habitat for Humanity
- Range Transitional Housing
- Salvation Army of Hibbing; International Falls; Virginia
- Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank
- Sexual Assault Program/N.S.L.C.
- Star of the North Maternity Home
- Support Within Reach
- United Way 2-1-1

## AMMING IN FOUR COUNTIES: ITASCA, KOOCHICHING, LAKE OF THE WOODS, AND ST. LOUIS

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