



UNITED WAY
Washington County

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS 2026

Upon a successful fall 2025 campaign, money raised will be allocated the following year to support over 20 local programs in 3 pillars: Healthy Community, Youth Opportunity, and Financial Security. In addition, United Way funding will support the Mental Health Initiative and Imagination Library.

AMERICAN RED CROSS OF SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN

DISASTER SERVICES: The program brings essentials to families who lose everything after home fires, sustains the blood supply and supports community CPR/First Aid training.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

MATCHING AND MENTORING: The program supports mentoring services by making meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers ("Bigs") and children ("Littles").

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB WASHINGTON COUNTY

ACADEMIC SUCCESS PROGRAM: Assures youth have support to thrive academically. The program reserves time to focus solely on academics each school day. In summer, youth participate in programs designed to support academic skill retention.

STEAM: Provides youth the opportunity to engage in programs and activities to expand their knowledge, improve their skills, and discover opportunities that STEAM can provide in their future.

CASA GUADALUPE EDUCATION CENTER

BILINGUAL WORKFORCE / ADULT ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER PROGRAM: English classes for adults are taught in West Bend and Hartford. Attendees who continue to improve their English language skills will be able to communicate in their communities with more ease and will have more opportunities for raises and higher paying jobs.

DREAM TO SUCCEED: The program works with Latino middle and high school students, aiming to ensure they are college, career, and life ready.

HEALTHY LATINOS, HEALTHY FUTURES: Health initiatives are aimed to empower the Spanish speaking, Latino community to make healthier lifestyle choices in the areas of nutrition, physical activity, mental wellness, and prevention and management of chronic conditions.

EASTER SEALS SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN

INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENT AND SUPPORT: The program is a model of supported employment that helps people with mental illness work at regular jobs of their choosing.

ELEVATE, INC.

ATODA PREVENTION: The program reduces youth substance use by providing evidence-based strategies to increase youth knowledge regarding alcohol and other drugs, improving their life skills and building a positive peer support system.

TREATMENT & DIVERSION: Reduces the rates of substance abuse by assisting individuals with an addiction enter recovery and assisting affected family members help their loved ones and improve the quality of their lives.

FAMILY PROMISE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

HOMELESS SERVICES: The program provides food, shelter, and financial stability to the community's least fortunate members. The program manages and combats chronic unemployment, financial illiteracy, and homelessness.

FORWARD CAREERS, INC.

INDEPENDENT LIVING: The program is designed to assist young adults aging out of foster/out-of-homecare with their transition to adulthood by providing services to develop independent living skills in various aspects of their lives.

FRIENDS, INC.

SAFE HOUSING SERVICES: The program enables clients to live and receive comprehensive supportive services for up to 12 months. Staff and participants create an action plan that includes strategies designed to increase participants' capacity to transition into permanent housing successfully.

VIOLENCE PREVENTION EDUCATION PROGRAM: The program teaches students respect and positive protective behaviors, differences between healthy and unhealthy relationships, what constitutes sexual assault, sexual harassment, abuse, and use of technology in sexual misconduct and illegal actions.

FULL SHELF FOOD PANTRY

FOOD DISTRIBUTION: Provide food to any low-income resident in Washington County. Clients receive food once a month and can come weekly for bread/milk/fresh fruit or vegetables.

INTERFAITH CAREGIVERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

HEALTHY AGING IN PLACE: Connecting seniors with caring volunteers, to ensure that seniors "aging in place" have access to necessary healthcare, food, wellness and companionship services to keep them safe, healthy and independent.

H.E.L.P. CORNER: The health equipment lending program is a collaboration of community partners providing residents with access to needed durable home medical equipment.

KETTLE MORAINÉ YMCA

DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM: This small-group program helps people with prediabetes eat healthier, increase their physical activity and weight loss, which can delay or even prevent the onset of type 2 diabetes.

LAKESHORE COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE

CONTINUITY OF CARE: Provides free healthcare to qualifying, uninsured individuals in Washington County. The program treats chronic and acute conditions and coordinates specialty care and behavioral health counseling as needed.

LAKESHORE REGIONAL CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

FORENSIC INTERVIEWS: The program provides forensic interviews and other resources to children and vulnerable adults who may have been a victim or witness to a crime at a safe, neutral, and family-friendly location.

NAMI OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MENTAL HEALTH: The program focus is on mental health support and education. Support groups, education, and art therapy encourage resiliency, recovery, and a stigma-free community so participants can live their best lives.

RIDES & REINS

THERAPEUTIC HORSEBACK RIDING: Committed to serving the needs of children with disabilities through equine therapy.

SENIOR CITIZENS ACTIVITIES INC.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES FOR BETTER HEALTH & WELLNESS: Helps people stay confident and independent as they age. Includes exercises to challenge the body and mind, and cardio. Coordination, balance, strength and mobility are topics covered.

THE THRESHOLD INCORPORATED

BIRTH TO 3: Provide services to children under three falling behind in typical development. Services increase skills in all developmental areas and assist families in transitioning to appropriate services when they discharge.

PROJECT SEARCH: Internship opportunity providing job experience and training with a classroom component to build skills needed for competitive integrated employment.

YOUTH & FAMILY PROJECT, INC.

CROSSROADS YOUTH PROGRAM: Provides free, short-term counseling and advocacy to school-aged youth to reduce risk of running away. Services promote permanent supportive relationships and increase healthy coping strategies.

MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: The initiative provides unmet needs for mental health services for youth and families.

KETTLE MORAINÉ YMCA: Building resilient communities by delivering preventative mental health education to preteens through ten targeted programs and consistent youth outreach, while also providing school-age children with social and emotional learning aimed at building lifelong emotional resilience.

YOUTH & FAMILY PROJECT, INC.: Provides mental health counseling services for school-aged youth who are insured by Medicaid. Services promote wellness and increase youth ability to cope with stress.

IMAGINATION LIBRARY

Providing registered Washington County children under age five with a free book in the mail per month.

