

Greater Mankato Area United
Way

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How United Way IMPACTS: Connecting Our Community

Greater Mankato Area United Way has a unique role in **CONNECTING** people & organizations to resources. [Click here](#) to find out how we define this role within our Strategic Plan, or simply read on to see this work in action.

In all, 1 in 3 people in the Greater Mankato Area are impacted each year as direct participants of a United Way funded program. That's a lot of lives and a lot of connections.

Providing support through all phases of life

From childhood through old age, and everything in-between, United Way supports programs that help make people's lives better right here in the Greater Mankato area. Your donation to United Way gets connected to 36 local non-profit agencies and 58 programs. In this issue, we highlight just a couple of these programs, but for a complete list of partners and the people they impact, [click here](#).

This year, 3,200 people will receive life-enriching services through VINE's Volunteer Caregiving Program

VINE & Summit Center: A full life

As the daughter of a 93-year old woman with dementia for whom she is the primary caregiver, Ingrid had understandable concerns for her mother's well-being while she was on vacation. Ingrid had heard about VINE, and arranged for a volunteer match and visiting services for her mother while she was gone. Imagine her relief and joy, when upon her return she found her mother very alert, articulate and talking more than she had in a long time. Read their success story [here](#).

When it comes to your loved ones, doesn't it feel good to know that there is support, for them AND for you, to make both of your lives fuller, richer and better?

Upcoming Agency Tours:

Wed. June 23: YWCA's Girls on the Run / Girls on Track
Tue. June 29: VINE Faith in Action & Summit Center

Agency tours are a great opportunity for you to connect with United Way agencies to learn more about their impact in the Greater Mankato area. Tours take place from **12pm-1pm**, so that over the course of your lunch hour you can see your gift in action first-hand.

[Click here](#) to RSVP or for info.

Lunch will be provided thanks to sponsors Subway and Pepsi

The Making of..

[Click here](#) to see some behind-the-scenes shots of the making of our 2011 Campaign Video & Brochure.

Each year Studio 12, Lime Valley Advertising, and Sport PiX donate their time, talents and resources to produce quality local materials to connect you with United Way's message. **THANK YOU** to these creative folks for their hard work!

200 local girls will participate in the GOTR/GOT programs this year, improving self-esteem & body image, and showing decreased risk factors

YWCA: Turning things around

The results of the Minnesota Students Surveys were staggering: Mankato girls showed higher rates of thoughts of suicide, of feeling discouraged or hopeless, and feeling "No good" compared to other girls around the state, and compared to local boys. Read more about that study's findings [here](#).

The YWCA decided to do something about it and in 2009 brought the Girls on the Run program to Mankato. This program connects female mentors and role models with groups of young girls to talk about issues like self-image, and to help the girls feel empowered and positive about themselves.

If you haven't yet seen the 90-second eStory that highlights this awesome program, [click here](#) to watch it now.

Connecting individuals to resources

United Way's 2-1-1 line is a free & confidential 24-hour resource referral hotline that people **in our community** can call when they need to get connected to local services and support and don't know where to turn. [Click here](#) to watch a PSA about it means to have this line available.

Connected to the community's future

As Envision 2020 continues to form the vision of how this community will evolve, [click here](#) to let your voice be heard on what you believe should be the focus of this community work.

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