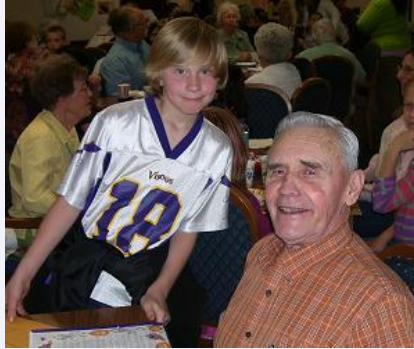


Your United Way Gift in Action: August 2011

United Way impact: Connecting people

Kyle's* pen pal was so influential in his life that he said "She makes me feel like I can do anything I dream of." Kyle is one of many local 4th graders who are assigned a pen pal through Catholic Charities' Common Good RSVP; a United Way funded program that matches older adults with meaningful volunteer opportunities, like being a pen pal. Howard, a pen pal, also benefited from his pen pal match, saying "I feel through our correspondence I've found new hope and purpose."



Retired community members have so much to offer our community. Their life experiences, knowledge and talents continue to make our community great. One of United Way's roles is to connect people in need to human and financial resources; such as supporting RSVP's *Reasons to Write* pen pal program.

In 2011, **950** RSVP volunteers will provide **62,000 hours** of service to the community. Their time is valued at \$1,292,700.

[Click here](#) to read Kyle's story and how RSVP's connections enrich the lives of volunteers, non-profits and our community.

** Child's name has been changed for privacy*



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sponsored by *United Prairie Bank*

Merger News:

On September 1st, United Way of Saint Peter will be merging with Greater Mankato Area United Way. [Read more](#) about this exciting collaboration!

Agency Tours:

Sign up for a free lunch and to tour a partner agency:

- Aug 24th: Y's Chesley Skate Park and Brother/Sister Program
- Aug 30th: Open Door Health Center (starts at 11:45am)
- Sept 21: Partners for Affordable Housing

Tours are from 12-1pm, are free and open to anyone, but you must [RSVP](#).

Partner updates:

Back to School! Salvation Army school supply drive through August. [Read more](#) about donating supplies or registering families, or call Salvation Army at 345-7840.

Clothes Closet! YWCA's Clothes Closet is a collaboration that helps women in tough life situations. [Read more](#) about the project, or email [YWCA](#) to volunteer or donate items.