

Your United Way Gift in Action - March 2011

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**We are You. Your Community. Your Friends.
Your Co-Workers.**

Partner Spotlight: Girl Scouts



Local Girl Scouts work on things like learning new skills, conflict resolution and building self-confidence

Last year a wonderful partnership took place in Mankato. The Girl Scouts teamed up with Partners for Affordable Housing (PAH) in order to reach out to girls who otherwise might not have access to their programs. Twenty girls from PAH's facilities participated in the Girls Scouts' summer program, which included things like arts & crafts and self esteem and healthy living activities, all in a structured environment with their friends and caring adult role models. At the end of the program, 13 of these girls were also able to attend a summer camp. What an awesome experience for the girls, many of whom hadn't any camp experience prior to this, and who had never been canoeing or swimming in a lake.

Thanks to your support of United Way, non-profits in our community are able to reach out to children and invite them to have a chance to experience awesome, wonderful, sometimes life-changing activities.

What difference does your gift make? A gift of \$7/week will pay for one girl to attend a six-day summer camp experience.

Agency Tours: The Volunteer Experience



United Way's 2011 Agency Tours will have a bit of a twist. This year, we'd like to invite you not only to see & hear for yourself what our non-profit Partners are doing for our community, we'd also like to invite you to roll your sleeves up and get involved with our **2011 Volunteer Experiences!**

We'll make arrangements for small groups of volunteers to help out at The Salvation Army's Noon Feeding Program, delivering Hot Meals on Wheels for VINE, and more.

[Click here](#) to see upcoming opportunities and to RSVP yourself & your friends. If you have other specific requests, let us know and we will work to get you connected with the volunteer experience you're looking for!

We'll keep you updated as additional Volunteer Experiences are added.



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We are helping to create better opportunities
for a better life for all.

Your Support: Employee Awards by Company

Year after year, local companies produce outstanding results in support of our United Way. To see a list of local companies who received special recognition because their employees excelled in percent participation and average gift size, [click here](#).

If your company supports United Way, **let your customers know it!** Click on the image to download this jpeg that you can insert on your website to show that your business supports United Way.



United Way is people helping people,
all throughout our community.

United Way's Online Event Calendar

Can't remember when that upcoming United Way meeting is? Or wondering where that United Way partner agency's event is being held? Then [click here](#) go to our online event calendar to see upcoming United Way and Partner events!

Connecting families to resources

Minnesota's
Early Learning
Initiative has an
awesome



interactive website (check it out by clicking [here](#))! It's got lots of great info for parents with kids ages 1-5, along with connections to statewide resources, and even a quiz to see if your child is on track for Kindergarten readiness. There's easy to follow ideas and resources for building math & science skills with your children, plus much more.

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