



Your dollars in action:

Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare - Mobile Outreach Clinic

"Jack", a client with a spinal cord injury, had terrible pain which forced him to remain in bed a great deal of the time. When he came to the Mobile Outreach Clinic he hadn't been able to sit up in his wheelchair for more than two hours at a time for over a year. The Mobile Outreach Clinic made him a custom seating system that was effective in reducing his pain, so that he can now sit upright for over eight hours.

The ability to sit upright has made him more functional, allowed him to decrease medications, and allowed him to move about in his home as well as out in the community.

As you can imagine, Jack is so grateful that life is so much more functional and enjoyable in his wheelchair than it was in his bed.

**Do you see how your United Way dollars have literally
changed Bill's life?**

Your United Way donation enables the Mobile Outreach Clinic to provide specialty assistive technology services to people with disabilities *right here in Mankato*. Decreasing costly travel to the Twin Cities cuts down on taking time off of work for clients and caregivers, and results in a better continuum of care and less stress for everyone involved.

In 2008 over **130** individuals received over **250** services in Mankato from the Mobile Outreach Clinic.

Do you want to see the Mobile Outreach Clinic van yourself and hear first-hand the kind of technologies and services the clinic provides to local residents? Then use your lunch hour and take part in the **Agency Tour** on **Tuesday June 16th**. To RSVP and find out more, call 345-4551 or email: mankatouw@mankatounitedway.org.

Give.

Throughout the year, we want to let you know how your donation is making a difference in people's lives every day, right here. Read the eNews or go on an [Agency Tour](#) ... see *your* dollars in action!

Advocate.

This is the time of year for graduations. But did you know that **graduating from high school can be predicted** reasonably well by a child's reading skill level at the end of **grade 3?**
(Slavin et al, 1994)



Think about what that means.

That's one reason why United Way is so passionate about *investing* in early childhood development programs like Books for Kids, ECPE and Ready! for Kindergarten and supporting programs that help families be successful, like TAPP and Adult Basic Education.

If you think local programs like these are important, you're already a United Way advocate!

Volunteer.

United Way's national Day of Action is June 21st, the longest day of the year. Some ideas on how to **Lend Your Muscle: Knit baby blankets for expectant mothers or newborns** Create a family story hour & read to neighborhood kids



Collect art supplies for kids in shelters or hospitals *Help your neighbor in their garden*
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