

Agency Tour at YMCA this Friday!

Join us this Friday as we listen to the YMCA staff as they tell us about the participants & the impact of **Brother/Sister mentoring, membership scholarships** and the **Chesley Skate Park**. Lunch is provided and you're sure to gain new insight on the importance of United Way funding at the Y. Call 345.4551 to RSVP!



Your dollars in action:

The Salvation Army - The Noon Meal Program and Mobile Outreach Meals

You've probably heard about programs like these: the soup kitchen that offers a free warm meal 5 days a week all year long to anyone who needs some food and a respite from the cold or the heat that Minnesota seasons bring. Or the van that makes the rounds all summer long to make sure that local kids get a nutritious meal delivered to them in their neighborhood while school's out. Well, that's what The Salvation Army is doing that right here in our community with the Noon Meal Program and Mobile Outreach Meals (MOM).

Earlier this week some United Way volunteers spent a morning prepping food for both programs (pictured above), then helped to serve food at the Noon Meal Program and read books to children who came with their families for the meal.

Did you know this was a need in Mankato?

Each year, your donation to Greater Mankato Area United Way helps to make possible:

- Over **3,000** meals delivered to children in the greater Mankato area through the summer MOM program
- Over **30,000** meals served to individuals and families through the Noon Meal Program

It means helping a family's monthly food budget go a little further, and putting food on the table for people who need it. Nobody's turned away; a friendly greeting and an environment that's not intimidating? That's Living United.

Give.

Our office is buzzing as we begin gearing up for our 2010 Campaign. Volunteers are being recruited, trainings lined up, and our local stories recorded and photographed. We're excited to bring you these local stories and share with you what it means to LIVE UNITED in the greater Mankato area.

Advocate.

Does your company have a flag pole just waiting for a fresh look? Looking for an opportunity to display your community support? Then **LIVE UNITED** by proudly flying a Live United flag.

LIVE UNITED™

The flags are quality indoor / outdoor nylon and the cost per flag is \$75. Please contact our office by July 15th for more info or to place your order: 507.345.4551.

Volunteer.

What's your interest? Want to help with one of [The Salvation Army's](#) programs described here? They're in need of volunteers! Want to help an elderly person by washing their windows? Just give [VINE](#) a call! Like painting? Then get some friends together and help [LEEP](#) freshen up their building.

For more volunteering ideas, or for contact info for the agencies listed here, visit the [Volunteer Solutions](#) database on our website: www.mankatounitedway.org.