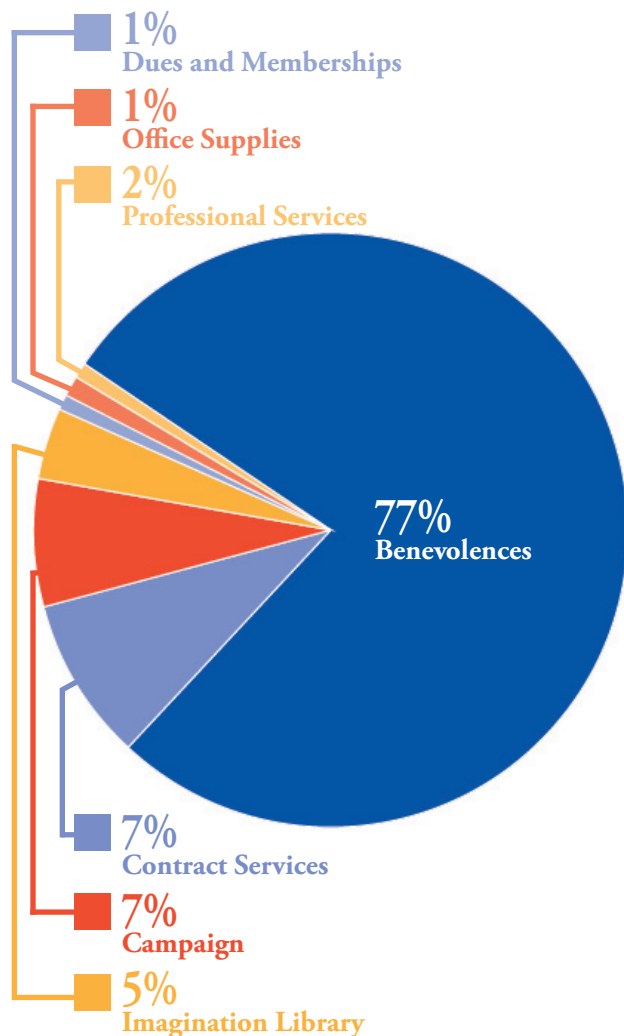


## Where Your Dollars Go Allocation of Funds



### What are the advantages of giving through United Way?

- It's local. Funds raised in the area stay here.
- It's accountable. Volunteers decide which programs receive funds, and ensure that services are high quality and meet high priority community needs.
- It's efficient. Volunteers help conduct the campaign to keep costs low.
- It's effective. By bringing the community together, we accomplish much more than we can alone.

## Agencies Supported by the 2018 Campaign

ACE of SW MN  
 ARC of SW MN  
 American Red Cross Serving SW MN  
 Catholic Charities  
 Community Connectors  
 Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota  
 Junior Achievement  
 Love INC  
 Lutheran Social Services – Senior Nutrition  
 Manna Food Pantry  
 NAMI of SW MN  
 Nobles County Historical Society  
 Project Morning Star  
 SMOC – Community Development  
 SW MN Housing Partnership  
 Volunteers in Mercy  
 Worthington Area YMCA  
 Worthington Christian School  
 Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

The United Way of Nobles County has continued to provide much needed support to multiple nonprofit organizations for many years. With your financial support, it is possible for these organizations to reach people who need a variety of services.

I am proud to share the success of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Nobles County! I believe our children are the future, and reading with a child is a priceless memory. We hope to continue to expand this program to the future leaders of Nobles County.

I am honored and humbled to be president of the United Way of Nobles County, as well as to serve on its board. I am consistently impressed with the generosity of the citizens who live and work in Nobles County.

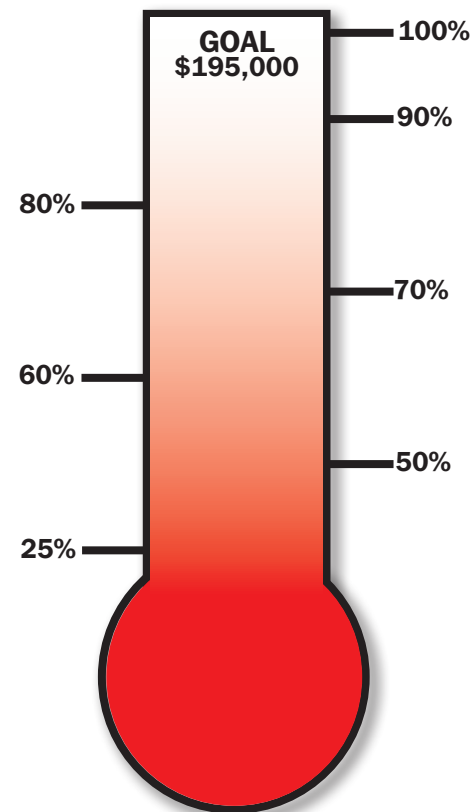
On behalf of the board, I would like to thank all the businesses, organizations and individuals who have supported United Way to help us reach our annual goal.

As we kick off a new fund drive this year, your continued generosity and support is needed and appreciated. All contributions to United Way of Nobles County stay local to help strengthen our communities. Thank you again for the past support and please consider making a contribution this year.

Cindy Elsing  
 President of United Way of Nobles County



## United Way of Nobles County •What Matters•



*We Are a Caring Community---*

*---Thanks to you.*

# What Matters

## See your dollars at work:

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES

- Pregnancy Help Line (1-800-222-5859) is staffed by licensed social workers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year
- Pregnancy and parenting counseling is provided at no charge
- Family and Individual Counseling program provides competent professional service to all community members regardless of their ability to pay, sex, race, ethnic background, age, or faith tradition

### COMMUNITY CONNECTORS

- Assisted more than 500 families get connected to community resources such as housing, health care, employment, legal assistance, immigration help, and educational opportunities

### JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

- Taught by community volunteers, fostering work-readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy skills
- 44 classrooms Kindergarten – 4th Grade, participated in the program in the 2016/2017 school year

### LOVE INC.

- Clearing House Help Line is used to assess and verify the need of callers and to connect them to local resources
- Partner with 19 local churches for GAP Ministries to include: furniture, rides, bunk beds, baby clothes, personal care items, laundry/dish soap, kitchen supplies, linens, household cleaning and widows ministry

### LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES – SENIOR NUTRITION

- Congregate Meal Sites and Home Delivered meals in Adrian, Brewster & Worthington
- Over 2200 meals served in Nobles County
- Over 300 unduplicated seniors served
- Goal is to keep seniors living longer, healthier and in their own homes

### MANNA FOOD PANTRY, INC.

- Serve an average of 408 households in Nobles County per month
- “Senior Day” is the first Thursday of every month
- Clients receive a 3 to 4 day supply of groceries on one visit
- Fresh produce give-a way is the third Thursday of the summer months

### NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS

- Raises public awareness and knowledge of mental illness
- Advocates for policies that improve the lives of those suffering from a mental illness
- Provides educational seminars to help make life more fulfilling and stable for those suffering from a mental illness at monthly meetings which are open to the public

### PROJECT MORNING STAR

- Provides transitional, sober-living to individuals in recovery
- Provides employment & job skills training, assistance with continuing education and life skills training
- Since opening in October 2014, 26 women, 32 men, and 28 children have been served

### SMOC

- Assisted 63 families for a total of 128 individuals with services that prevented them from becoming part of the growing number of homeless
- Provided budget counseling and other case management services to 57 households to assist them to maintain their housing
- Provided information and referral assistance to 860 individuals

### VOLUNTEERS IN MERCY

- Referrals from social agencies, schools and healthcare facilities for individuals who don't otherwise meet requirements for services
- Responds to hundreds of referrals for ages 1 to 100 in meeting a broad range of daily needs

### WORTHINGTON AREA YMCA

- Provided FREE summer lunches to 150-200 youth per day in June and July
- Provided over \$40,000 in direct assistance to families in need for membership and programming
- Reduced the established programming fees for all YOUTH by over \$20,000 through the Double Down on Kids Program
- Provided FREE Swim Lessons through the JC learn to Swim program to over 320 2nd graders throughout Nobles County

**GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.  
LIVE UNITED.** 

**MAKE A DONATION  
TODAY!**



United Way is proud to have Dolly Parton's Imagination Library back in Nobles County!

The Imagination Library promotes early learning and literacy. Children from birth to their 5th birthday can be enrolled and will receive an

age-appropriate book in the mail

each month. There is no cost to enroll a child in the program.

Over 200 children have been enrolled in the program since it was launched in December, 2016. Our goal is to double the number of children enrolled in Nobles County. The cost is approximately \$25 per child to receive books for a year. The cost for 200 children is approximately \$5,000 per year. The cost for 400 children is approximately \$10,000 per year.

Just think of the number of children that could benefit from your donation to the Imagination Library. Consider making a donation today!