

# Living United

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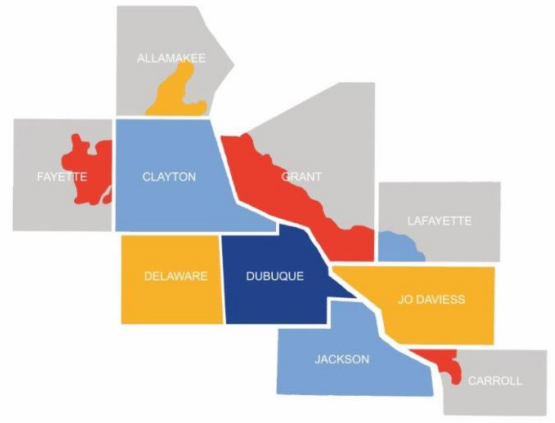
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## Campaign Kickoff: United We Win



Join us for our 2017-2018 United Way Campaign Kickoff, "United We Win!"

On September 7th at 7:30am, a free breakfast followed by a Kickoff Rally will be held in the Harbor Room of the Diamond Jo Casino. The rally will consist of featured speakers, updates on United Way expansion, and the United Way engagement calendar.

If interested in helping us kick off our "United We Win" campaign, please RSVP on the Facebook event page, to [admin@dbqunitedway.org](mailto:admin@dbqunitedway.org), OR 563.588.1415 by Friday, September 1st!

- GIVE.
- ADVOCATE.
- VOLUNTEER.

## John Deere Selection



Each year, there are opportunities for recognizing and celebrating volunteerism in our communities. It is with great pleasure that we share our nominee and award winner of the Governor's Group Volunteer Award to John Deere Dubuque Works' Employees.

From leadership to line staff, John Deere Dubuque Works has created a culture of giving back to our communities in monumental ways. United Way is a proud partner and a recipient of John Deere's generosity. Employees at John Deere Dubuque Works have a long history of not only giving generously to support our communities through their successful UW Campaign but they provide endless hours of volunteerism to area nonprofits. John Deere employees have participated in volunteer opportunities both on and off site and are very invested in learning about and responding to community needs. John Deere employees have helped clean a homeless shelter, repair items at a camp, cleanup after a storm, and so much more.

As a community, we thank John Deere for supporting employees' efforts to give back to the community through volunteerism at United Way and many other local organizations. We are all stronger because of you! Congratulations on the Governor's Volunteer Award!

## Meal Pack



Thank a Partner Against Hunger

An average of 1 in 10 households in Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin face food insecurity.

Don't let them face it alone. Will you join us?

10 Teams x 2 Hours  
= 25,000 Meals!



### There's No Place Like Home- Stand Down

United Way is working together with Hillcrest Family Services, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Iowa Works of NE Iowa, Delaware/Dubuque/ Jackson County Commissions on Veterans Affairs, Substance Abuse Service Center, Dubuque Homeless Advisory Coalition, Veteran's Freedom Center and many others on "There's No Place Like Home", A Homeless Stand Down. This event will be held on Thursday September 28th from 10a-2p at Dubuque Masonic Temple located at 1155 Locust Street, and is for Dubuque, Delaware and Jackson counties' homeless individuals and veterans. This is a place to come together in a safe environment and gain information and resources. Some of the services available will be a hot lunch, haircuts, employment assistance, medical screenings, hygiene products and more. Transportation assistance is available for Delaware and Jackson County individuals. Please contact Ginger Schoop at 563-588-0605 with any questions.

Thank you to all organizations and individuals who reached out and registered for our Meal Packaging Event! We are now full and we look forward to packing a "punch" against hunger on September 7th! The following teams will be participating in the meal pack: Rotary of Dubuque, Women United, Days of Caring Committee, John Deere DBQ Works, Q Casino sponsored by the Dubuque Racing Association, AmeriGroup/Anthem Foundation, United Healthcare, CAPABLE Volunteer Co., Homeless Advisory Coalition, and a table comprised of United Way Funded Partner Agencies. The meals will be disbursed to area Food Banks and to funded partners who have food programs in our community. Thanks again to all who registered. We will be posting updates as the event approaches!

### Volunteer Spotlight: Ron Wolf

United Way wishes to thank and put the spotlight on Ron Wolf for all his volunteer efforts. Ronnie has over 80 hours of volunteer time into assisting with our Little Free Libraries, which is an initiative of Women United. From building and painting to delivery and mounting, he has done it all. Thank you, Ronnie!



Women United is a group that has a strong literacy focus as evidenced in their Sprout Into Reading program and their recent efforts to purchase and install numerous free little libraries across our coverage area. We are extremely grateful for Ronnie's donated time towards our Little Free Library initiative. This project encourages the love of reading and sparks creativity by promoting a book exchange in the community and has strong collaboration with area partners. With volunteers like Ronnie who donate their time, we are able to reach out to the community and provide over 3,000 books to people in our community.

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### Poverty Simulation

Poverty is a reality to many people in our community, state, and country. Unless you have experienced poverty, it is hard to truly understand. United Way volunteered in a recent Poverty Simulation put together by Operation: New View Community Action Agency and held at Loras College. Participants were assigned roles in a family, and given 10 minutes that represented one week. As the weeks went by, participants realized how difficult things can be and barriers that people in poverty face.



### Back to School Bash

United Way was just one of the many organizations involved with the Back to School Bash, hosted by the Black Men's Coalition, that was held on Saturday August 5th at Comiskey Park. Along with getting ready for school and learning about before and after school program and resources, empowerment was a huge focus at the Back to School Bash.

UD Freshmen Football Players Welcome to Dubuque

at the Back to School Bash. United Way worked with Americorps, Green Iowa, Women United, and three high school students to provide family volunteer activities and snacks for this event. Women United provided free water and chips along with information regarding the Sprout

Into Reading program and the Little Free Libraries. The United Way Volunteer Center worked with local agencies and community volunteers to provide family volunteering activities promoting empowerment. Americorps helped with empowerment by assisting volunteers in making reusable bags to be distributed to the homeless in our community at the September Stand Down event. showing children how to make t-shirt bags. Green Iowa provided an activity area focusing on the future and "What I want to be..." and Timothy Mehlhorn provided photography for the event. Three Wahler Catholic High School students provided assistance with the volunteer activity area focusing on constructing books emphasizing empowerment. The items constructed in the volunteer area were placed in "I Volunteered" bins for use in our community.

This week, United Way and Greater Dubuque Development Corp (GDCC) staff helped welcome 90 incoming freshman football players at the University of Dubuque. This was a great opportunity for them to get to know about the community they will call home for the next four years and hopefully they will love it enough to call this area home long after graduation too! They were able to learn about employment opportunities as well as fun things to do around the area, no matter what their interests may be. For many, this was their first time away from home, and while they are a part of the UD community, they are also a valuable part of our community too.

United Way shared information about internship possibilities with nonprofits as well as the need for getting connected to the community through volunteerism. Volunteering is a great way to see what our community needs and answer that call to action and as a bonus, it's also a great resume builder! United Way's 'Get Connected' volunteer portal is a great way to find a volunteer experience that is just right for your background and interests or even for you to try something new. We are thrilled that these UD players accepted the challenge--not just as players for the UD team but as volunteers in our community!

For more information about Get Connected please visit <http://dbqunitedway.galaxydigital.com>



### Homeless Point In Time Count

Twice a year, the Dubuque Homeless Advisory Coalition and community members, search the city to assist people experiencing homelessness. These dedicated volunteers, assisted by the Dubuque Community Police Department, are out before sunrise. When homeless individuals are seen, the group provides them with resources in the community and a basic needs kit. If the individual grants permission, volunteers capture information about each homeless person's situation. This data collected allows the group to report back to the state to assess trends in homelessness. We recognize that currently, only the City of Dubuque is being reported, but we are working with other locations to assist them in holding future Point In Time Counts in their area. Last year, the Institute of Community Alliances reported 921 people experienced homelessness in Delaware, Dubuque, and Jackson Counties.

Other members involved in this year's summer Point In Time Count were from Hillcrest Family Services, Visiting Nurse Association, Opening Doors, ECIA, Veteran's Affairs, HACAP, Goodwill, Dubuque Police Department, and United Way.

For more information regarding Iowa Point In Time Count historical data, please reference:

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### Upcoming Dates



- **Campaign Kickoff**
  - September 7th
  - Diamond Jo Casino
  - 8:00am-9:00am
- **Meal Packing Event**
  - September 7th
  - Diamond Jo Casino
  - 3:30pm-5:30pm
- **Women United Story Hour with Carnegie-Stout**
  - Check Leisure Services Fall 2017 Activity Guide
- **Labor Day Parade**
  - September 4th
  - Main Street
  - 9:30am

## Check Us Out On Facebook

Help us reach 1,000 Facebook likes!



**THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS WHO CONTINUE TO LIVE UNITED THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN OUR CAMPAIGN EFFORTS!**

Together, we recognize there are no quick fixes. Band-Aids are not enough. We have to look at the big picture, and how our work connects with each other. In other words, lasting solutions take a while, and all of us thank you for LIVING UNITED this year!

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