

United Way Announces Grant Award Recipients



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DUBUQUE, Iowa –

Amidst a very turbulent time for our community, United Way of Dubuque Area Tri-States (UWDATS) is happy to announce the allocation of \$850,000 in grant awards to 31 nonprofit organizations, offering programs that impact the health, education and financial stability of their 10-county, tri-state coverage area. This includes funding to 9 new programs who join the United Way funded partner network.

After a five-year transition to a new model of funding, awarding grants only to vetted organizations who have applied for funding demonstrating strong community-wide impact, this was the first time in 91 years that UWDATS funding stream was fully competitive. While 51 programs applied for funding, only the top 31 programs were able to be awarded. “This year was a very difficult one for our board, staff and volunteers who read and scored grants, making funding recommendations. We know how badly our nonprofit community needs us, yet our fundraising efforts have certainly been impacted this year. To demonstrate our commitment to the community, we are drawing from United Way reserves to be able to offer this level of funding because we know how desperately it is needed,” shared United Way’s President/CEO, Danielle Peterson. “We continue to offer the community additional supports such as our 2-1-1 Information and Referral line, our Get Connected Volunteer Portal, and our Sprout Into Reading program, to name a few, but this monthly allocation from United Way is most often what people think of when they hear our name. It makes us more determined than ever to showcase the total impact we make in the community and are grateful for our donors, business partners, and the nonprofits who work with us to provide this very important service. “

Last year, nearly 40,000 people were impacted by United Way funding and there are still opportunities for United Way giving to help address the shortfall in this year’s campaign; However, new allocations for organizations will begin June 1, 2020.

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