

UNITED WAY OF DUBUQUE AREA TRI-STATES



Unprecedented. Difficult. Tough. Crisis.

Those are just a few words that I am sure you have heard several times in the last few months. COVID-19 has called into clarity how much our community relies on each other. **At United Way of Dubuque Area Tri-States, we have kept our finger on the pulse of our nonprofit community and continue to work tirelessly to provide the support and leadership needed to recover, repair and rebuild.**



For children, being isolated at home has taken a toll, especially on their social-emotional health. St. Mark Youth Enrichment, a United Way funded partner, has not slowed down their efforts to provide support to their families.



"United Way of Dubuque Area Tri-States has supported St. Mark Youth Enrichment strengthening and expanding our social-emotional programming. While we were not able to offer our before and after school programming in person due to COVID-19 and school closures, St. Mark worked remotely to share community resources, offer virtual enrichment to keep students and families connected, and provide kits for learning to carry on at home. The grab-and-go kits became a critical part of maintaining a connection to families and supporting sustained social-emotional learning during such a turbulent time. As this effort took off, the United Way of Dubuque Area Tri-States provided social-emotional supplies to be included in 200+ kits. From March through June 1,677 kits were distributed in Dubuque County."
Kaitlin Schmidt, Director of Strategic Resources, St. Mark Youth Enrichment

Another need that has skyrocketed in our community during this crisis is the demand for food. Community members who have never had to think about food scarcity are now visiting food pantries and requesting grocery deliveries from nonprofits in order to feed their families.



"In the early days of the pandemic in Dubuque County, we quickly realized how many people were in need of food. Whether it was due to loss of job, income, or the inability to leave their home, more people than ever in our community needed assistance and we were overwhelmed. Since our organization is run by volunteers, we worried. How were we going to keep up with the demand? Thankfully, United Way of Dubuque Area Tri-States stepped in. They helped us get the volunteers we need to deliver groceries and they connected us with Community Solutions of Eastern Iowa (CSEI), a program under the East Central Intergovernmental Agency (ECIA). CSEI already is managing a homeless hotline. Thanks to this partnership, CSEI is able to take requests for food deliveries through the homeless hotline and relay that information to us at the Labor Harvest. This partnership streamlined the work that was needed to help the most people in our community. Since March 13, we have done close to 800 grocery deliveries to those in need."



Tom Townsend, President, Dubuque Area Labor Harvest

Our nonprofit community needs your support now more than ever during this time of crisis. UNITED, we work with the nonprofit agencies to address our community's most significant barriers, working TOGETHER to create change.

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