

# 24 hours



United Way  
of Portage County

## In the life of your investment...

Many of our partner programs work around the clock, every day of the year to assist our family, friends and neighbors with far more than crisis situations. Education and prevention are key to breaking negative cycles, creating lasting change and taking care of the whole person.

**7 am** Early drop-off for childcare begins as working families start their day.

**8 am** A nine year old boy receives much needed dental care at the local dental clinic serving low-income individuals.

**9 am** A special needs student at the local high school meets with his classmate, friend and mentor at school to talk about their upcoming trip to see a ball game.

**10 am** A driver picks up a woman in Rosholt and drives her to visit her husband in a local nursing home.

**11 am** Nutritious meals are served to seniors in Amherst allowing them to live more independently.

**12 pm** A single mother of two children receives a brand new car seat for each child free of charge and she learns the proper way to safely install the car seats.

**1 pm** A team of trained specialists meets with the parents of a two year old girl recently diagnosed with autism.

**2 pm** A trained specialist follows up with a client about a visit he had with his mental care provider and helps establish a system to ensure his medications are taken as prescribed.

**3 pm** Children arrive at an after school program rather than going home to an empty house.

**4 pm** A little brother waits anxiously for his weekly visit from his big brother. Today they're going to the library.

**5 pm** A mother from a low-income home smiles as her 4-year-old attends her first swim lesson.

**6 pm** A local youth troop meets to shovel snow for a homebound older adult in Plover.

**7 pm** A class is starting in Almond for English language learners that are working to improve their employability.

**8 pm** A young man with a developmental disability is ending his job at the supermarket with his job coach.

**9 pm** A Stevens Point couple is able to enjoy a much needed night out while a certified respite care worker tends to the needs of their special needs child.

**10 pm** Individuals without homes are checking into a shelter for an overnight stay.

**11 pm** A mother in need of formula for her infant daughter, calls 2-1-1 for free information and referral services. She is referred to a local agency that provides 24 hour assistance for low-income families.

**12 am** A runaway teenager is placed in a temporary home for the night.

**1 am** A young wife is checking into a safe house to escape abuse.

**2 am** A disaster relief agency provides emergency assistance and temporary housing for a family who has lost their home to fire.

**3 am** A suicidal teenager calls the crisis hotline to talk to someone and is reminded he is not alone and agrees to come forward for help.

**4 am** An overnight shelter employee checks in on families sleeping soundly.

**5 am** A father gives his sleeping kids a kiss as he leaves for his new job training program.

**6 am** A Junction City woman drops her mother off at a local adult day center before heading to work. She is relieved to know that her mother will be well-cared for while she is at work.