

United Way Program Facts



Advocates for the Developmentally Disabled – Community Partners Program – The SPASH student program remains popular with 60 regular-education student mentors paired with 30 special-education students. 80% of the students maintained regular contact and reported feeling more socially confident.

Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) – Adult Day Center – The Adult Day Center data shows that 100% of caregivers who utilized the Adult Day Center services in 2014 felt less stressed and 100% of the participants enjoyed their time there.

ADRC – Rural Delivered Meals – Delivered more than 25,262 meals to 215 rural elderly residents of Portage County. These deliveries included personal face-to-face contact with safety checks.

ADRC – Volunteer Caregivers – Helped 209 elderly or disabled individuals maintain their independence by providing transportation, in-home services, phone check-ins, or home maintenance.

Big Brothers Big Sisters – Community and Site Based – Matched 289 area youth with mentors. Nearly 65% of the “Littles” in this program who reported family income had an annual income below \$25,000.

Boy Scouts – 708 Boy Scouts had a resident camping experience, where they built self-esteem and established new relationships.

Boys & Girls Club – Almond-Bancroft Program – The Boys and Girls Club is the only afterschool service provider in the Almond-Bancroft area. In 2014, they helped 115 students nurture their academic and social skills.

Boys & Girls Club – Teen Programming – 82% of regular attendees demonstrated increased progress toward their academic goals.

CAP Services – Family Crisis Center – In addition to emergency shelter, this program provides a 24-hour toll-free crisis line and walk-in services, weekly support for female domestic abuse victims and their children, connections to community resources, and transitional housing for victims leaving their abuser.

CAP Services – Mental Health Navigator – 100% of the clients reported improved mental functioning at the completion of services.

CAP Services – Ministry Dental Center – Provided care to 3,125 people in 2014. 2,068 or 66% of the individuals served, completed their treatment plan.

CAP Services – Skills Enhancement – 100% of participants completing the program obtained a new job that increased their hourly wage by at least \$3.00 per hour or \$8,000 annually.

CAP Services – Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) – Helped 277 low- to moderate-income individuals and families to receive a total of \$300,187 in federal tax refunds and \$131,686 in state tax refunds through free tax preparation and filing.

Children’s Service Society – Child & Family Counseling – A successful pilot launched in 2014 improved access to care by providing outpatient counseling services at area elementary schools.

Children’s Service Society – Family Outreach & Support Services Parent Education Classes– 100% of parents who completed parenting class indicated they increased their knowledge of effective parenting techniques.

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Children's Service Society – Family Outreach & Support Services Community Response – 88% of high risk families reported improved family relationships.

Community Industries Corporation – Supported Employment – Helped 1,171 clients with cognitive, intellectual and/or physical disabilities secure and maintain employment.

Girl Scouts – Girl Scouts helps girls with conflict resolution. 93% of girls reported that they had the skills to effectively avoid or resolve conflicts.

Meals on Wheels – Delivered 25,423 healthy meals to homebound clients, enabling these clients to retain their independence and stay in their homes.

Salvation Army – Hope Center – In 2014, the Hope Center provided 10,572 bed nights of shelter and 23,613 meals to families and individuals in need.

Stevens Point Child Safety Center – 2,214 Portage County residents received assistance with acquiring a car seat, car seat fittings, home safety equipment, information and referral services, or training from this program.

United Way of Portage County 2-1-1 – This 24-hour helpline line assisted 3,900 callers to find information regarding income support/assistance; housing/utilities; individual, family and community support; and health care.

United Way of Portage County – Learn for Life – 84% of students in the Learn for Life program either achieved or exceeded grade level proficiency.

United Way of Portage County – Volunteer Center – Provided a fresh start to the school year by collecting and distributing required school supplies to more than 1,000 low-income students through Project Fresh Start.

YMCA – Adapted Recreation – Addressed the physical and mental needs of 194 special needs athletes through participation in Special Olympics and Adapted Recreation classes. 95% of participants felt they gained more confidence.

YMCA – Child Care and Camp Scholarship – Assisted 184 children of income qualified families with financial assistance, allowing them to receive child care or attend camp at the YMCA.

YMCA – Scholarship Assistance Program – Provided financial aid to assist with a membership, class or programs at the YMCA to 2,364 people. 68% of those who received assistance indicated that their level of stress decreased since joining the Y.

YMCA – Youth and Teen Programs – 90% of teen program participants reported by participating in the program, they were less likely to be involved in negative behaviors like sex, drugs, smoking, and drinking.

