



UNITED WAY
Portage County

**TOGETHER WE
CAN BUILD:
STRONGER
COMMUNITIES.
BRIGHTER FUTURES.**

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United Way of Portage County brings people together to face our community's toughest challenges with long-term, thoughtful solutions rooted in collaboration, compassion, and data-driven insight.

By investing in local programs and working alongside trusted partners, United Way helps create real opportunities for individuals and families to thrive – right here, in the place you call home.

Together, we can lift up our most vulnerable neighbors, build stronger communities and brighter futures – for this generation and the next.

That means access to mental health resources when someone is struggling, affordable childcare that allows parents to work and children to grow, and skills training that opens doors to better jobs and financial security. Seniors stay connected and cared for, and families facing crisis have a safe, supportive place to turn in times of need.

Together, we're building a community where everyone – at every stage of life – has the opportunity to thrive.



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PARTNER PROGRAMS

Below are the agency program partners that United Way of Portage County invests in.

• **Healthy Communities** • **Youth Opportunity** • **Financial Security**

Aging & Disability Resource Center

- **Adult Day Center**
- **Caregiver Support Services**
- **Prevention Programs**
- **Rural Home-Delivered Meals**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Wisconsin

- **Community and School-Based Mentoring**

Boys & Girls Club of Portage County

- **Great Futures**
- **Rural Programming**
- **Teen Programming**

Boy Scouts of America

- **Scoutreach**

CAP Services, Inc.

- **Family Crisis Center**
- **In-a-Fix**
- **Mental Health Navigation Program**
- **Skills Enhancement**
- **Small Loans Big Difference**
- **UPLIFT Program**
- **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)**

ChildCaring, Inc.

- **Good Starts Grants**

Children's Wisconsin

- **Born Learning Initiative (Strong Start - Home Visitation)**
- **Child and Family Counseling**
- **Family Outreach and Support Services - Home Education**
- **Family Outreach and Support Services - Parent Education**

Girl Scouts of Northwestern Great Lakes

- **Reaching Out**

Meals on Wheels

- **Home-Delivered Meals**

The Salvation Army

- **Bread of Life - Hope Center**

Stevens Point Area YMCA

- **Adapted Recreation**
- **Birth to 5 Program**
- **School Age Program**

United Way of Portage County

- **2-1-1**
- **Learn for Life**
- **Volunteer Center**



2024

UNITED WAY AT A GLANCE



97.5%
of families working with the
FOSS program do not enter
or re-enter
the CPS system.



1,350
children received school supplies
and started school last fall prepared
to learn.



79,174
visits were made to the
Peace of Mind
Portage County website
in search of mental health
resources, providers,
and support.



419
students received
counseling
through school-based
mental health
services provided by
Children's WI and ODC.



11,632
community members
were assisted by a United
Way of Portage County
funded program in 2024.



1,573
hours of reading skills support
were provided to 2nd and 3rd
grade students through the Learn
for Life program.



60,795
meals were delivered to
homebound residents in need.

To learn more about the impact of
your generosity visit:
UnitedWayPoCo.org

***Please note, United Way of Portage County does
not fund all programs listed at 100%**

ENDOWMENT

LEAVE YOUR LEGACY

When you support United Way of Portage County, you help continue a proud tradition of generosity, sound financial stewardship, and meaningful community impact.

By leaving a gift to the United Way of Portage County Endowment, you allow for planning and execution of long-term funding with sustainable confidence. Donations received to the United Way Endowment are invested to create sustainable funding. With endowment earnings, United Way can expand essential programs, support critical services, and respond more effectively to emerging needs in your community. By creating a permanent source of funding, it ensures that essential services can address the evolving needs of the community—strengthening our mission today and for generations to come.

To learn more about the United Way Endowment or to make a contribution, contact United Way of Portage County at: 715-254-2181 or katie@unitedwaypoco.org, or visit unitedwaypoco.org/endowment

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LEADERSHIP GIVING

OVER 40 YEARS OF COMMUNITY LEADERS

For over 40 years, the Stevens Society has brought together a powerful group of difference-makers with a deep commitment to the well-being of Portage County. With unwavering dedication, this group has helped build stronger communities and brighter futures for thousands of local individuals and families.

Thank you for being part of this inspiring circle of philanthropic leaders. Your generosity and compassion not only uplift your neighbors but also encourage others to get involved in shaping a healthier, more connected community.

Your gift does more than provide support – it opens doors for our most vulnerable community members, helping them find stability, hope, and opportunity for a better tomorrow.

In 2024, more than 6,100 individuals gave to United Way of Portage County, coming together to raise over \$3.33 million for our community. Over 1,100 leadership-level gifts of \$500 or more accounted for nearly half of that total – a powerful reflection of what’s possible when we come together. Thank you for considering a Stevens Society leadership gift of \$500 or more.

Together, we can build stronger communities and brighter futures – for this generation and the next.



**Stevens Society Co-Chairs:
Kim Angell, Tina Peters, Marg Coker-Nelson
and London Cooper**

STEVENS SOCIETY

Last year, 1,139 households made a generous Stevens Society leadership gift of \$500 or more, coming together to contribute over \$1.57 million to support our neighbors across Portage County.

Because of this generosity, homebound seniors received warm meals and caring check-ins, children started school with the supplies they needed to succeed, and women and children in crisis found safety and hope in moments when it mattered most. These gifts didn't just provide services – they offered comfort, hope, and opportunity.

As a small token of appreciation, Stevens Society donors may choose to be recognized in United Way materials – a reflection of the deep and lasting impact they've made in our community.

The Stevens Society roster on the following pages is broken down into different giving levels:

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Tocqueville Partner's Circle	\$20,000 - \$24,999
Tocqueville Leader's Circle	\$15,000 - \$19,999
Tocqueville Patron's Circle	\$10,000 - \$14,999
Diamond.....	\$5,000 - \$9,999
Platinum.....	\$2,500 - \$4,999
Gold.....	\$1,000-\$2,499
Silver.....	\$750 - \$999
Bronze.....	\$500 - \$749

EVERY gift matters! United Way of Portage County received 5,032 gifts of under \$500 that totaled nearly \$539,000 in 2024!

We compile our Leadership Roster with care. If you find your name has been omitted or misspelled, please accept our apology. Any errors or omissions are inadvertent, and we would be grateful if you notify us so we may update our records.

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Step Up & Double Your Impact! Up to \$40,000 in Matching Funds

Delta Dental of Wisconsin, International Bank of Amherst, and Ki Mobility have teamed up to encourage United Way Leadership Giving in our community. Their commitment is designed to inspire and amplify leadership-level giving—and you can be a part of it.

When you make a **new or increased Leadership Gift of \$500 or more in 2025** (as an individual or combined household gift), these three companies will match the amount of your increase, **up to \$100!**

This is more than just a match—it's a Step-Up Challenge to raise more support for local programs that help children succeed in school, families achieve financial stability, and neighbors access critical resources they need to thrive.

By taking part, your generosity goes even further, helping create stronger communities, brighter futures, and a deeper impact for those in need. Together, we can rally behind this opportunity to lift up our neighbors and make a lasting difference.



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These Corporate Cornerstone Partners provided monetary and/or in-kind support to United Way of Portage County in 2024.

Their corporate support is critical in helping our community's most vulnerable populations and in building a stronger community.

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\$200,000+

Delta Dental of Wisconsin
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\$100,000-\$199,999

None in 2024

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