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UNITED WAY
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ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES.

When neighbors come together, real change happens. In Portage County, possibility begins with people helping people. A student gains the support they need to succeed in school. A family finds help putting food on the table. Someone facing a difficult moment is reminded they are not alone.

A single gift to United Way reaches across our community, supporting local programs that meet real needs right now. From food and housing to education, mental health resources, and support during life's toughest moments, your donation helps connect people with the care and opportunities they need to move forward.

Every dollar is thoughtfully directed where it can make the greatest impact, guided by community insight, trusted partnerships, and a commitment to long-term solutions. And every dollar stays right here in Portage County, strengthening the people and programs that make our community thrive. Together, we are creating a place where children can learn and grow, families can build stability, and neighbors facing hardship can find support. When we come together through United Way, we help ensure that everyone in our community has the opportunity to live healthy, secure, and hopeful lives.



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

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

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



2025

UNITED WAY AT A GLANCE

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



3,438 requests for help and information made to United Way's 2-1-1, answered in real-time by staff.



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



458 individuals (including 108 children) improved their safety and well-being through services provided at the Family Crisis Center.



1,686 hours of reading skills support were provided to 2nd and 3rd grade students through the Learn for Life program.



60,412 meals were delivered to homebound residents in need.



1,376 children received school supplies and started school in fall of 2025 prepared to learn.



91% of caregivers were able to maintain employment or attend school due to the Good Start Grant (child-care funding) from Childcaring, Inc.

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

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

2-1-1 HELPLINE GET CONNECTED. GET HELP.

2-1-1 provides information about support groups, family counseling, services for aging parents, financial assistance, volunteer opportunities, and so much more.

2-1-1 answers questions and connects those in need to services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and is completely free and confidential. Simply dial 2-1-1 to get help today!



UnitedWayPoco.org/United-Ways-2-1-1



FOOD



EMPLOYMENT



HEALTHCARE



UTILITIES



HOUSING



TRANSPORTATION



CLOTHING

YOUR MENTAL HEALTH IS OUR PRIORITY

Peace of Mind Portage County is a website and resource for individuals, families, and agencies concerned with mental wellness. It provides information about mental wellness services, laws, and related news as well as communication tools and other features.

Regardless of where you begin your search for assistance with mental wellness issues, the Network of Care helps you find what you need - it helps ensure that there is "No Wrong Door" for those who need services.



PeaceOfMindPortageCounty.org

LEGACY DONORS

LEAVE YOUR LEGACY

When you give to United Way of Portage County, you become part of a lasting legacy of generosity, responsible stewardship, and meaningful impact within our community.

A gift to the United Way of Portage County Endowment helps ensure long-term stability and thoughtful planning for the future. Endowment contributions are invested to build a reliable, sustainable source of funding. Through the earnings generated, United Way can grow vital programs, strengthen essential services, and respond to the evolving needs of our community –advancing our mission today and for generations ahead.

To learn more about the United Way Endowment or to make a contribution, contact United Way of Portage County at: 715-341-6740 or fred@unitedwaypoco.org or visit UnitedWayPoco.org/endowment

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Realized Legacy Donors are benefactors whose gifts are now funding our community's future.



LEADERSHIP GIVING

OVER 40 YEARS OF COMMUNITY LEADERS

For more than 40 years, the Stevens Society has brought together a dedicated group of community members who share a deep commitment to the well-being of Portage County. Through their generosity and leadership, Stevens Society donors have helped create meaningful change for thousands of local individuals and families.

Your gift does more than provide support. It helps ensure that a child has the resources to succeed in school, that a family can find stability during difficult times, and that neighbors facing hardship are met with compassion and care. Through United Way, your leadership gift reaches across our community, connecting people with the support they need to move forward.

In 2025, nearly 6,100 households and organizations gave to United Way of Portage County, coming together to raise over \$3.4 million for our community. 1,161 Leadership-level gifts of \$500 or more accounted for nearly half of that total. It is a powerful reflection of what happens when neighbors unite around a shared commitment to care for one another. Thank you for considering a Stevens Society leadership gift of \$500 or more.

Together, we are investing in the future of Portage County and helping ensure that every neighbor has the chance to thrive. That is the power of **One Community. Endless Possibilities.**



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

STEVENS SOCIETY

Last year, 1,161 households made a generous Stevens Society leadership gift of \$500 or more, coming together to contribute over \$1.59 million to support our neighbors across Portage County.

Because of this generosity, individuals found support and guidance for their mental health, those facing difficult circumstances had a safe and warm place to lay their heads at night, and neighbors working toward financial stability gained access to the resources they needed to move forward.

Through United Way, a single gift reaches across many local programs, connecting people with the care and resources they need when it matters most.

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 Founder's Circle	\$25,000+
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 4,917 household gifts of under \$500 that totaled over \$511,000 in 2025!

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.

TOCQUEVILLE \$10,000+

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These individuals donated \$500 or more toward one or more sponsorships in support of United Way activities.

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LOOKING FOR OTHER WAYS TO GIVE BACK? VOLUNTEER WITH UNITED WAY!

PROJECT FRESH START

The community rallies together to collect school supplies to help income-eligible families start the year strong. Volunteers sort, pack, and distribute supplies at an in-person event before school begins.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Volunteer teams lend a helping hand by raking and bagging leaves for elderly and disabled neighbors—providing comfort and peace of mind before winter arrives.

LEARN FOR LIFE TUTORING

Caring volunteer tutors work one-on-one with 2nd and 3rd-graders to build strong reading skills that set the foundation for lifelong learning.

LAUREL'S LITTLE DIAPER & HYGIENE BANK

Volunteers help prepare supplies, process requests, and provide a welcoming experience for income-eligible families accessing the Diaper and Hygiene Bank.

For more ways to volunteer visit:
UnitedWayPoco.org/Volunteer-Center

UNITED WAY OF PORTAGE COUNTY DOUBLE THE DIFFERENCE

Your gift can go twice as far!

When neighbors come together, incredible things happen.

This year, thanks to the generosity of Delta Dental of Wisconsin, International Bank of Amherst, and an anonymous donor who believes deeply in our community, your gift to United Way of Portage County can go even further!

YOU GIVE → COMMUNITY RECEIVES

A gift of \$20 becomes \$40, helping a family find stability.
A gift of \$40 becomes \$80, supporting children and youth.
A gift of \$52 becomes \$104, strengthening our community.

New and increased donations will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$52, helping your generosity create twice the impact.

Together, these generous partners have committed \$40,000 in matching funds to help inspire giving across our community.

And when you give \$52 or more, you'll also receive:

- **Entry into the Live United - Give United Sweepstakes**
- **A Community Coupon Book filled with local offers**

Incentives are based on the original gift amount before matching.

Your generosity helps children succeed, supports families during difficult times, and ensures neighbors can access the resources they need to thrive.

GIVE TODAY AND DOUBLE YOUR DIFFERENCE!

Anonymous Donor



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Established
1893
Over 125 Years Together

YOUR DONATION'S PATH

1.

CHOOSING TO ACTION

The path of a donation starts with one person (like you) deciding to make a difference to create lasting change.

5.

CREATING LASTING CHANGE

Your donation becomes food, housing, mentoring, school supplies, diapers, and many other needed services in our community. UWPC distributes funds to 30 local programs.

Together, we can make a difference, but it all starts with your donation.

4.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Once the needs are identified, community volunteers review program applications and recommend funding allocations to the UWPC Board of Directors for approval, ensuring our community's most vulnerable populations are being served.

TO ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES.

1. TAKE

...tion begins
(like you)
...difference
...change

2.

POOLING COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Your donation to United Way is combined with donations from thousands of other individuals as well as corporate support from local businesses, enabling everyone to make the greatest difference possible in your community.

3.

WE DO OUR HOMEWORK

Using community data from resources such as the LIFE Report and ALICE Report, we identify the most current critical needs of the community's most vulnerable populations.

CORPORATE CORNERSTONES

These Corporate Cornerstone Partners provided monetary and/or in-kind support to United Way of Portage County in 2025.

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

TRUSTEE

\$200,000+

Delta Dental of Wisconsin
Sentry Insurance

CHAMPION

\$100,000-\$199,999

None in 2025

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None in 2025

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A 2026 contribution of **\$52** or more to United Way of Portage County automatically qualifies you to receive the **2027 GIVE & GET UNITED Coupon Book**

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