

Funded Programs

Albert Lea Family Y
Childcare & Membership Scholarships

Albert Lea Area Schools-Early Learning
Early Childhood Scholarships

The Children's Center
Childcare Scholarships

Grace Lutheran Church
Food for Backpacks

SEMCAC
Senior Dining & Meals on Wheels

Cedar Valley Services
Extended Employee Program

Salvation Army
Meal Site

Stars Mentoring
National Quality Mentoring System

Did you know?
All grant applications in 2022 & 2023 were awarded a grant letter for the full request amount!!

United Way Programs

Imagination Library Program
Early Childhood literacy program providing free developmentally appropriate books for children ages birth through five years of age. United Way raises funds to cover the shipping, which is approximately \$150 per child

2-1-1 Hotline & Resource Assistance
A free 23-hour help and referral hotline with language accessibility providing information and referral services for Freeborn County. UWFC staff also provides assistance in connecting community members to resources.

Community Needs Program
UWFC staff work to connect donors wishing to donate tangible items such as clothing, furniture and kitchen items to area social workers for their clients. This is a direct referral program only, designed to "fill the gap". Examples include assisting Ukrainian refugees with household items when arriving in Freeborn County.

Seniors United in Service
A Partnership with the Senior Center to provide Seniors with opportunities to engage in volunteer projects. Projects have included Hygiene Kits for area schools, Literacy Kits, Seed Kits, First Responder Appreciation cards and more.

Welcome Pantry
The Welcome Pantry is a new food pantry with a focus on fresh foods. The Pantry was opened after a needs assessment determined the need for increased capacity in serving those in need of food. Welcome Pantry also serves as a "hub" for smaller food pantry, accepting bulk donations and distributing throughout the region to other food shelves and meal sites. Previously in a mobile distribution format, the pantry opened a brick-and mortar location at what is known as the "Former Streeters Building" in June of 2023. The Welcome Pantry was fully grant funded for the first year, and is currently serving 60-80 households 2-3 times a week. To learn more visit unitedwayfc.org/welcomepantry

CFSP Delivery-Adopt a Senior
A collaboration between Channel One Regional Food Bank, and Albert Lea Family Y, UWFC coordinates volunteers to provide home delivery of the CFSP (formerly known as NAPS) food boxes to area homebound seniors each month. CFSP are shelf stable foods, and UWFC Volunteers also shop the Welcome Pantry to supplement the CFSP boxes with fresh and frozen foods. Volunteers are highly needed once a month for this program to be successful. To learn more, call 507-373-8670.

Did you know?
UWFC employs a staff of 3-4 people and over 120 volunteers to make these programs successful!

Seasonal Programs

Winter Gear Drive
Annual Winter Gear Drive works to keep families warm. Approximately 30 droboxes are placed around the county from Oct-December. UWFC provides direct distribution to area school social workers and other social service providers and hosts Community Distribution Days to distribute the winter gear. Area quilters donate beautiful handmade quilts to assist in keeping families warm.

Jingle: A Holiday Giving Program
Local donors anonymously adopt families that that are not receiving other holiday assistance and are directly referred by area social service providers. Families share their family story, wish lists including clothing sizes, creating a more personalized experience. Priority is given to families with teenagers.

Screen-Free Week

Annual event the first week of May celebrating reducing screen time and inviting adults and children to rediscover adults and children to rediscover the outdoors or participate in other activities the "screen-free" way. Events have included Kite Making Classes, the annual Rock Painting Event and Chalk The Lake Walk in partnership with the CVB and local businesses such as The Hive.

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