



## United Way of Mower County

2011 Update  
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We all come from different places. We come to different conclusions.  
But underneath it all, we share a common passion for improving the lives of others.

Thank you for considering a donation to United Way of Mower County. Our vision is to create long-lasting changes that prevent problems from happening in the first place.

The purpose of this letter is to show you the direct results of donations made in 2010. When you give a gift to United Way of Mower County you are directly impacting the lives of community members and making our community a better place to live.

United Way of Mower County in addition to funding quality local programming also runs several initiatives out of our office. The initiatives listed on this page are funded through grant writing and fundraising separate from our fall campaign.

This fall United Way is engaged in a strategic planning process. Our vision for the community is strong. We want to ensure that your donation is making the largest impact as possible. As part of this process United Way of Mower County will be holding three community conversations to ask you your opinions on the community. It is our hope that you will take part.

Take a minute to read through these results and choose to make an investment in our community through a donation to United Way of Mower County.

For more information on your donation at work and how to become involved in our investment process visit us on the web at [www.uwmower.org](http://www.uwmower.org).

### **Results:2010 United Way of Mower County Initiatives**

- **Success by Six**  
Preschool Scholarship Program—46 total scholarships awarded to 4 year-olds. 25 in Austin, 7 in Lyle, 9 in Southland & 5 in LeRoy.  
  
Born Learning Trail erected at Mill Pond  
  
Transportation Program—67 children were transported to/from preschool, five days a week on the Rainbow Route. There were 2 morning routes and 1 afternoon route.
- **Encourage Volunteerism**  
Day of Caring—193 volunteers completed projects.  
  
Community Outerwear Drive—420 children/166 families received coats and other winter outerwear
- **Healthy Living**  
Get Fit Mower County Healthy Living Challenge: 603 Get Fit team participants and 173 Be Fit team participants focused on healthy living during a 12 week competition.

## YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

In 2010 your donations provided the following results under:

### EDUCATION

- 628 individuals received community cultural education
- 1,492 individuals received advocacy/newcomer services from the Welcome Center
- 247 girls were provided with leadership experiences
- 578 boys were provided with leadership and civic opportunities
- 863 parents utilized parent mentors
- 5,800 individuals utilized resources on parenting
- 2,611 seniors received educational programming
- 83 mentees were matched with positive mentors making a real difference in their lives
- 12,191 community members received education on disasters and disaster preparedness
- 23 children attended the Autism Day Camp

### INCOME

- 330 individuals utilized services at the YMCA (membership, swimming lessons, gymnastics, after school programming, etc.) due to the financial assistance program.
- 88 individuals received budgeting and financial counseling
- 218 low income individuals utilized legal services to attain government benefits such as social security and disability
- 120 individuals and families received emergency lodging/shelter so that they would not become homeless
- 427 individuals and families received assistance with rent and/or utilities so that they could remain in their homes
- 204 seniors received services such as lawn mowing and snow removal so that they could stay in their homes
- 1,377 seniors received advocacy services so that they were better informed about Medicare, energy assistance, tax credits, etc.
- 27 adults (living outside of Austin) with severe developmental and/or physical disabilities received social and life skills
- 27 adults (living outside of Austin) with severe developmental and/or physical disabilities received work experience
- 164 individuals received services to mediate civil disputes
- 50 families received services to mediate family disputes
- 61 disabled individuals were given employment through community based employment programs
- 27 disabled individuals (living outside of Austin) received transportation to employment in community based programs

### HEALTH

- 221 children were safe during the hours of 3-6pm because of after school programming.
- 1,812 youth aged 7 1/2 -18 were able to utilize the YMCA facility for \$1 a year.
- 92 uninsured adults and children with severe and persistent mental health issues received services such as counseling, medication management and employment services
- 12,143 hot meals were served to individuals
- 819 seniors received transportation to and from medical appointments
- 904 individuals with mental and physical disabilities received advocacy services to help them with daily needs as well as attaining government services
- 33 volunteers received EMT Training & Re-certification for ambulance services outside of Austin
- 185 individuals received services after being victims of crime
- 199 individuals and their families received services after being victims of domestic violence
- 43 individuals received services after being victims of sexual assault
- 514 children without insurance received dental cleanings
- 7,271 individuals received health and safety services (CPR, blood borne pathogens, first aid, swimming, lifeguard and babysitter training)
- 170 individuals received medical equipment
- 91 families were given emergency childcare during crisis situations
- 327 individuals received family and/or individual counseling
- 181 individuals with developmental and/or physical disabilities were safely transported to recreational activities so they could participate
- 28 individuals with mental health issues gathered together for support

### NEW PROGRAMS IN 2011

- Community Explorations Seminar-Autism Children
- Child Care Scholarships for Families
- Domestic Abuse Intervention Services for Men
- Personal Care Shelf Services

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