



United Way
of Mower County

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DISASTER ASSISTANCE CONTACTS

With the recent severe weather and damage to our area, The United Way of Mower County wants to remind the community where to call for help, volunteer or to make a donation.

United Way of Mower County, American Red Cross, Salvation Army, and AAIDR work together to coordinate efforts to best assist those affected by disasters.

American Red Cross (507-437-4589)

The American Red Cross works to assess damaged areas, provides disaster team volunteers and can provide emergency housing if necessary. The American Red Cross also provides food and counseling to those affected by a disaster. American Red Cross can only work with certified trained Red Cross volunteers.

If you are in need of any of the following please call the Mower County Chapter of the Red Cross directly at 437-4589.

- **Clean-Up (due to disaster damage)**
- **Home Assistance (due to disaster damage)**

- **Home Checks and Welfare Checks**

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The United Way of Mower County partners with the Mower County Chapter of the American Red Cross by organizing and matching volunteers with community needs, accepting public donations, providing the public with information on where to get assistance and other pertinent information regarding the specific disaster.

Please call the United Way of Mower County at 507-437-2313 if:

- **You would like to volunteer your time and you are NOT an American Red Cross volunteer.**
- **You would like to make a donation in support of disaster services.**
- **You would like to donate items (please no clothing)**
- **If you are a contractor you must go to City Hall to register. Homeowners, please use contractors registered at City Hall.**

If it is after hours or you receive an out of office message please call United Way's Executive Director at 507-440-5094 for immediate assistance.

Salvation Army

The Salvation Army is providing meals for emergency personnel, homeowners, and people assisting homeowners, Red Cross volunteers and Salvation Army volunteers through their mobile canteen. Salvation Army will provide food throughout affected areas tonight (June 18th).

Also, please note that the Salvation Army provides community meals Monday through Friday from 5-6pm at their downtown location for the community. Homeowners without power should feel free to come in for supper.

Advancing the common good in our communities with the help of our partners, that's what it means to LIVE UNITED.