

OVERVIEW: BASIC NEEDS

If education, financial stability, and health are the pillars of a good quality of life, then basic needs are most certainly the foundation. Without the basic necessities of life (i.e. food, shelter, safety, and equal access), kids struggle to focus in school, adults aren't able to be at work consistently, and reaching everyone's full potential is impossible. Together, we strive to stabilize lives in Mower County by helping seniors remain independent, providing crisis childcare, legal support, safe child visitation, rent assistance, transitional housing, food, and more to ensure basic needs are being met.

UNITED WAY OF MOWER COUNTY INITIATIVES & COLLABORATIONS

RESOURCE HELPLINE

2-1-1

Individuals looking for services in Mower County can dial 2-1-1 twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

COATS FOR KIDS



United Way coordinates an annual winter outerwear drive to ensure children from families who can't afford winter wear stay warm.

PERSONAL CARE



Personal Care Closets have been established at area schools to provide care items that can't be found at food shelves local children.

BACKPACK PROGRAM



The Backpack Program provides a reliable weekend food source for students who experience food insecurities at home.

UNITED WAY OF MOWER COUNTY PARTNER AGENCIES & PROGRAMS



- Hot Lunch Program - Apple Lane Child Care Center
- Children's Sexual Abuse Prevention - CVRC
- Rural Immigration Project - Immigrant Law Center
- Advocacy and Family Support - LIFE Mower County
- Advocacy - Mower Council for the Handicapped
- Chore Program - Senior Center
- Advocacy Program - Senior Center
- Volunteer Transportation Program - Senior Center
- Helping Homes - Parenting Resource Center
- Seibel Family Visitation & Exchange - PRC
- Housing Payment Assistance - Semcac
- Senior Nutrition - Semcac
- Government Benefits - SMRLS
- Back Pack - The Salvation Army
- Community Meals - The Salvation Army
- Emergency Housing - The Salvation Army
- Social Services - Welcome Center

EVERYONE DESERVES A SECOND CHANCE

Sow Reh Came to the United States as a refugee from Thailand. Sow connected with ILCM through his involvement with the Welcome Center. Sow and his family are currently working with an ILCM staff member to adjust their status to Lawful Permanent Residents. Sow is very grateful for all the support he's received so far and is excited for the future in the U.S. "We came here to get an education, to have a better future, and hopefully to use that knowledge to give back to the community," he said.

