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### **UNITED WAY AWARDS OVER \$3,000 IN EDUCATION BASED MINI-GRANTS**

SAULT STE MARIE – The United Way of the Eastern Upper Peninsula has awarded \$3,284 to seven organizations in the EUP. As part of their commitment to helping EUP students succeed in school, United Way will help fund several education-based projects over the next several months. Student centered projects include building literacy skills across the E.U.P.; creating an education trail for children; enhancing afterschool enrichment programs; assisting in transportation procurement to attend out-of-town education camps; tracking healthy achievements through physical movement.

“This is the first year we’ve been able to provide mini-grants, and much of that was thanks to the donations we received from last year’s fundraising campaign,” says United Way’s Community Engagement Director, Raulaniesa Aranda. “We are fortunate to have such a supportive community, who wants to see positive impact and growth throughout the EUP. Because of the generosity of local community members and businesses, we’re able to offer programming like this to nontraditional groups that will create lasting impact in our children as they navigate their futures.”

Award letters have been sent out and applicants will be receiving them soon. This is the first year that United Way has been able to offer programming such as this, and they are hopeful that a similar funding opportunity will be available next fall, as well.

For more information on United Way mini-grants, visit [www.unitedwayeup.org/grants-awards](http://www.unitedwayeup.org/grants-awards), contact Aranda at 906-632-3700 ext. 3 or email [volunteer@unitedwayeup.org](mailto:volunteer@unitedwayeup.org).

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### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

United Way of the Eastern Upper Peninsula was originally established in 1956 and celebrated “60 years of Caring” in 2016.

The new 2017-2018 Fundraising Campaign kicked off on July 1, 2017 and will run through June 30, 2018.

Mini-grant awardees will provide photos and press releases throughout the year as they complete their projects. Updates, photos and more information will be shared through our social media sites as received, as well as on our website when possible.

More information about United Way of the Eastern Upper Peninsula, including approved logos, can be found by visiting [www.unitedwayeup.org/media](http://www.unitedwayeup.org/media).