



**UNITED WE FIGHT.
UNITED WE WIN.**

LIVE UNITED

What is the biggest issue that we face in our community? Is it Domestic Violence, or Drug Addiction and Substance abuse? How about Homelessness, Hunger, or Poverty?

These are not just “Big City” problems, we find them in our community too.

Who will tackle the problems most shy away from?

United Way fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in our community.

We win by living United. By forging unlikely partnerships. By finding new solutions to old problems. By mobilizing the best resources. And by inspiring individuals to join the fight against their community’s most daunting social crises.

We are more than fundraisers. We are hand-raisers. Game-changers. When we Live United, we take on challenges and tackle problems others shy away from.

Through the work of caring volunteers and donors, we are helping to change our future by providing children with the tools they need to be successful in school and later in life.

Strategies For Prosperity:

- 2017 Chippewa County Project Backpack— distributed 583 backpacks to children Pre-K through 8th grade filled with donated school supplies. This program was a joint effort with The Salvation Army, DHHS, Rotary and many contributors.
- Funding a series of “mini” grants. This fall, creative projects around education will be supported that promote helping children become successful in school.
- Recruit volunteers for Youth Mentoring at the Boys and Girls Club at Malcom High School, Bay Mills, and Kinross Alternative High School.
- Reading Buddies—a new program that matches volunteers 55 and older to read to the Headstart classrooms weekly. Helping children develop communication skills and a love for learning is the most important key to success and prosperity later in life.

By engaging volunteers to achieve a shared goal, together, we can make real change in our community.

So become a hand-raiser or a game-changer. Because United We Fight, United We Win. We have One Life. To live better, we must LIVE UNITED.

The rate of children in poverty ages 0-17 in the EUP has increased more than 25% since 2006*

*Kids County Databook

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