

Community Impact Programs

United Way facilitated programs and special initiative projects.

Adopt-A-Family

In partnership with the Steele County Toys for Tots program, we offer Adopt-A-Family, which allows community members to adopt a family in need for the holidays.

<https://owatonna-mn.toysfortots.org/>

After School Care Scholarships (Medford Only)

Provides full year, before- or after-school care scholarships for income-qualified newly enrolled families with working parents in the Medford School District.

Medford Tiger Club 507.214.6381

CommUnity Tables

Fosters a sense of community and shared vision through facilitated dinner conversations where people across the community build a social network and engage together as a community, working together to solve bigger issues that transcend silos of age, race, class and culture.

United Way of Steele County 507.455.1180

Call if you'd like to host a table

Ride United

Closing transportation gaps caused by poverty, systemic racism, and other inequities is critical for securing employment, accessing medical care, obtaining healthy food, and dealing with emergencies and crises.

507.455.1180

Bright By Text

Bright By Text sends FREE activities, games, and local resources to expecting parents and caregivers of children age 0-8 to their cell phone via text message.

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Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

A free program that mails an age-appropriate book every month to every enrolled child in Steele County from birth to their 5th birthday. In partnership with United Way Women United, Rotary Clubs of Owatonna, and Owatonna Public Library Foundation.

Register online by visiting <https://www.imaginationlibrary.org>

ECCFU Parent Support Groups

Parenting isn't easy, but there is help. Join other parents to discuss different strategies for a variety of parenting situations, while building your network of support.

507.455.1190

Health & Happiness Project

In collaboration with Allina Health Systems, this site provides Mental Health support resources and services, available from the comfort of your home.

<https://www.healthandhappinessproject.org>

Vision

A sustainable and vibrant community where residents enjoy an enriching quality of life, economic opportunities, and self-sufficiency, and are secure knowing a network of human service agencies is ready to assist them if needed.

K-5 Mental Health Support

Supporting K-5 students in Owatonna who are struggling to secure mental health support. Children's Remedial Fund.

1.844.274.7472

Legal Kiosk

On-site access to programs and services offered by Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, including applying for services and accessing court documents.

507.455.1180

SingleCare

Free prescription discount cards. Affordable prices for medications.

<https://singlecare.com/prescription-discount-card>

Steele County Safe & Drug Free Coalition

Empowering youth to choose a chemical-free lifestyle

507.455.1180

<https://www.steelecountysafeanddrugfree.org>

Tax Preparation

Providing Free Tax Preparation Services to low-income families in Steele County.

507.455.1180

United Way 211

United Way 2-1-1 provides free and confidential health and human services information for people in Steele County. They are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to connect you with the resources and information you need.

Call 211, Text your Zip code to 898-211 or visit online at

<https://www.211unitedway.org/>

Volunteers United

Uniting community members and volunteer opportunities Expanding Capacity for Nonprofits in Steele County while creating social opportunities and building skills for our Volunteers.

<https://www.unitedwaysteelecounty.org/volunteers-united/>

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United Way
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United Way Programs Change Lives



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Mission

To change lives by mobilizing and optimizing the caring power of our community.



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Minnesota 507.451.5922

Community-Based Mentoring: Provides one-to-one mentoring relationships in the community.

REACH: Serves underachieving students grades 6-8 who have average or above academic potential.

Blooming Prairie Youth Club 507.583.6699

Academic Enrichment: Education programs support youth by helping them to think critically and to apply learning to everyday situations. Students do better when they spend out-of-school hours engaged in high-yield learning activities such as reading, writing, STEM, art, homework help, and tutoring.

Cedar Valley Services 507.451.5897

Competitive Placement: Helps individuals with disabilities obtain and maintain competitive employment to increase their income.

Preschool Transportation 1.855.762.7821: Provides one-way transportation for children to any preschool program in Owatonna at the cost of \$1 per ride. Ride scholarships are available for qualifying families.

Children's Remedial Fund 507.444.8719

Medical Care and Health Insurance Stipends: Helps low-income families pay for their children's medical, dental and vision care, prescription drugs, and insurance premiums.

Community Pathways 507.455.2991

Marketplace: Provides groceries to households that are at 300% of the poverty level.

Unique Finds: Provides appropriate seasonal clothing, bedding, and gently used household items to community residents to help them meet their basic needs.

United Way of Steele County Partner Agencies

United Way funded programs

Crisis Resource Center 507.451.1202

Domestic Violence Program: Provides crisis intervention and ongoing individual or group support to victims of domestic abuse and their children.

Abused Children's Program: Provides support for both child victims of violence and children who have witnessed domestic abuse in their homes.

Exchange Club Center for Family Unity 507.455.1190

In-Home Mentoring for Parents: Teaches positive parenting skills ensuring that children are raised in an abuse-free, loving and safe home.

Supervised Visitation: Provides financial aid for low-income families with court-ordered supervised visitation.

HealthFinders Collaborative 507.323.8100
507.214.6662

Medical: Provides high quality and coordinated primary medical care services. In policy and in practice HFC does not turn any patient away, regardless of their ability to pay.

Dental: Dental cleanings, fillings, extractions, sealants and oral hygiene education to low-income individuals with no insurance and no other access to these services.

Healthy Seniors of Steele County 507.774.7648

Neighbor to Neighbor: Empowers seniors and caregivers throughout Steele County to live happily, safely and independently in their own homes.

Let's Smile, Inc. 507.363.3023
Clinical Preventative Dental Services: Provides no-cost preventative dental care and screenings for low-income, un-or underinsured children.

Oral Health Education: Provides oral health education to children by hands-on hygiene instruction and distribution of dental health tools such as toothbrushes and floss.

SEMCAAC
Owatonna 507.455.3195
Blooming Prairie 507.583.7369
Ellendale 507.684.3311

Senior Nutrition: Provides a low-cost, nutritionally complete noon meal, Monday-Friday, for seniors in both a congregate setting and through home-delivered meals.



South Central Human Relations Center 507.451.2630
800.722.0590

Sage Enrichment Center: This community-based meeting place reduces isolation and increases the social skills of seriously mentally ill residents by offering recreational and leisure activities.

Southern MN Regional Legal Services (SMRLS) 877.696.6529

Government Benefits: Provides seniors and low-income individuals with legal advice and representation. SMRLS also conducts legal seminars in Steele County.

Family Law Program: Provides a family law attorney for low-income clients in Steele County needing assistance and legal advice on Orders for Protection and contested child custody hearings.

Transitional Housing of Steele County 507.446.9315

Transitional Housing: Provides homeless individuals and families with up to two years of subsidized transitional housing and case management services with the goal of reaching financial stability.

Eviction Prevention Services: Provides one-time rental payment assistance to Steele County residents at risk of eviction.

Workforce Development, Inc. 612.730.1617

SteeleCoWorks: Connects students, young adults and their families with local job/internship openings and training opportunities, through one on one counseling in the schools, a website and magazine.