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Greater Twin Cities United Way Receives \$1.3 Million Grant from Wells Fargo

Funds will support affordable housing, food security and workforce development initiatives

MINNEAPOLIS (April 23, 2019) – [Greater Twin Cities United Way](#) (United Way) today announced a \$1.3 million grant from Wells Fargo to support United Way programs and nonprofit partners. Over the past five years, Wells Fargo has provided \$6.5 million in grants improving household stability and economic opportunity for people and families experiencing poverty in the nine-county region of the Greater Twin Cities.

Specifically, the \$1.3 million will help nearly 17,000 individuals by providing:

- Crisis resources for nearly 5,000 callers who depend on United Way's 2-1-1 hotline support
- Stable housing for over 300 youth and families
- Groceries and meals for nearly 11,000 people
- Training for in-demand jobs for more than 200 low-income adults

The grant also will help United Way engage nearly 1,900 volunteers through [Volunteer United's](#) community-wide volunteer projects and events, such as [Action Day](#) and [Feeding Who's Hungry](#).

"Wells Fargo's commitment to the community is inspiring," said [Trent Blain](#), interim president and CEO of Greater Twin Cities United Way. "We are grateful for our partnership and we look forward to continuing to work together to make the Greater Twin Cities a region where everyone thrives, regardless of income, race or place of residence."

United Way Worldwide (UWW) recently recognized Wells Fargo as its [No. 1 Workplace Giving Campaign](#) for 10 consecutive years. Over the past decade, Wells Fargo and its team members across the country have donated more than \$713 million to help UWW tackle the toughest social problems around the world. Additionally, in 2018, Wells Fargo team members logged 31,000 volunteer hours supporting UWW programs and partners.

"Wells Fargo has a long history of supporting the Greater Twin Cities United Way, and through team member donations and volunteerism, we've made a huge impact on the communities where we live and work," said Mike Maeser, Wells Fargo Wealth Management managing director and Greater Twin Cities United Way board member. "I'm proud of the difference we've made over the years, and I look forward to collaborating with the influential leaders on the board to improve the lives of people and families in need."

Further, in 2018, Wells Fargo donated more than [\\$14 million](#) in grants to over 500 nonprofits, schools and community organizations to help communities across Minnesota.

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About Greater Twin Cities United Way: With one in four people living in poverty in the nine-county region, Greater Twin Cities United Way fights to end poverty and support long-term wellbeing by

providing access to food, housing, education and the workforce. When we support wellbeing, we ensure everyone can reach their potential and fully contribute to our community. We do this by bringing together the public, private and nonprofit sectors to solve the community's most pressing needs. Through partnerships, public policy work, volunteer programs, our 2-1-1 hotline, grant making and nonprofit leadership support, we take a holistic, long-term approach to help people meet their potential. That's because we know when more of us reach our potential, our whole community benefits. For more information, visit www.gtcuw.org, [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

About Wells Fargo: Founded in 1852 and headquartered in San Francisco, Wells Fargo & Company (NYSE:WFC) provides banking, investment and mortgage products and services, as well as consumer and commercial finance, through 7,800 locations, more than 13,000 ATMs, and the internet (wellsfargo.com). Wells Fargo's vision is to satisfy customers' financial needs and help them succeed financially. With approximately 259,000 team members, Wells Fargo serves one in three households in the United States. Wells Fargo & Company was ranked No. 26 on Fortune's 2018 rankings of America's largest corporations. In 2018, Wells Fargo donated more than \$444 million to nearly 11,000 nonprofits in support of affordable housing, small business growth, financial education, and sustainability, among other community needs. For 10 consecutive years, Wells Fargo has held the honor of No. 1 in workplace giving by United Way Worldwide. Wells Fargo team members also make a difference by donating more than 2 million hours of volunteer time in the last year. News, insights and more information on the company's corporate responsibility are available at [Wells Fargo Stories](#).