



UNITED IS THE WAY TO A PROSPEROUS FUTURE FOR EVERYONE.

Stable housing, food, education and jobs are the keys to ensuring everyone in our community can reach their full potential regardless of income, race or place.

Together, we can meet urgent needs today and make lasting change to address the root causes of disparity in the Greater Twin Cities. You are an important part of creating a thriving future for all our neighbors. United, we help each other.

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OUR IMPACT TOGETHER

We're re-imagining how we care for one another through tough times.

In 2025, you made it possible for more than half a million local people to live more stable lives and work toward success. Together, we:

- **Responded.** Every two minutes, a 211 resource specialist helped a community member find shelter, food, quality childcare and more. Every 12 minutes, a caller to our local 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline found hope for a brighter tomorrow. And our volunteers showed up, assembling backpacks full of school supplies for 62,475 students; 1,535 welcome home bins with home essentials for families; and ingredients for families to share 57,760 meals. In the fall, when the federal government shutdown and changes to SNAP benefits caused a spike in demand for food, we distributed \$145,000 in emergency grants to help nonprofits meet the need.
- **Stabilized.** We supported local nonprofits doing the best work in housing, food, childcare, youth development, job training and entrepreneurship. Our partners tell us our dollars and free consulting help them cope with challenging policy and funding changes. Together, we keep communities resilient.
- **Invested in a thriving future.** In 2025, we engaged with lawmakers across the political spectrum to:
 - Maintain state funds for food shelves and family homelessness prevention.
 - Establish a new legislative task force on nonprofit practices.
 - Make it easier to enroll in transportation assistance.

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Our mission is to unite changemakers, advocate for social good and develop solutions to the challenges no one can solve alone.

Stable Housing

We meet urgent needs by operating our local 211 resource helpline, which connects callers to emergency shelter, food and other resources. And we support nonprofits doing the most impactful work to provide shelter and holistic services that help stabilize lives, with flexible funding and capacity-building services. **Every 27 minutes, a person experiencing homelessness gets shelter and support from a Greater Twin Cities United Way partner invested in their success.**

We make lasting change to improve housing systems by leading the Pathways Home initiative to prevent homelessness by transforming the foster care and criminal-legal systems, and leading advocacy to increase access to safe, affordable housing for populations at highest risk of homelessness.

Food Security

We meet urgent needs by connecting 211 callers to emergency food services including food pantries and meal programs, and supporting nonprofits doing the most impactful work to provide emergency food services. And we increase access to culturally relevant foods through our Flavors of Our Community volunteer engagement initiative. **Every 43 seconds, a neighbor facing hunger gets groceries or a hot meal from a Greater Twin Cities United Way partner who cares about them.**

We make lasting change to improve systems by expanding our Full Lives initiative to create a thriving, equitable regional food system in the Twin Cities, and by leading advocacy to transform how food is produced, distributed and consumed to promote thriving, healthy communities.

Educational Success

We meet urgent needs by connecting parents and educators via 211 to resources that help families thrive, and by supporting nonprofits committed to healthy development in the key early-childhood and youth years. [Every three hours, a parent finds high-quality childcare] supported by Greater Twin Cities United Way. And our Action Day volunteers join forces annually to provide backpacks full of school supplies so K-12 students are ready to thrive in the classroom.

We make lasting change to improve systems by leading the 80x3: Resilient From the Start initiative to expand the trauma-sensitive practices that make the most difference in children's brain development. And we've consistently and successfully advocated to expand access to early-childhood education and care.

Economic Opportunity

We meet urgent needs by connecting adults with educational and job-training resources through 211, and by supporting nonprofits deeply engaged in community to provide job training, entrepreneurship support and access to safe financial products. **Every 20 minutes, a youth or adult starts their career path with education, job training or entrepreneurship services from one of our partners who understands their individual strengths.**

We make lasting change by leading our Career Academies initiative to build educator-employer partnerships and ensure our education and workforce systems effectively prepare students to enter and advance in high-wage, high-demand careers.

