By the Way,  a newsletter for friends of the United Way  

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2019-2020 Partner Agencies

Basic Needs
Providing necessities such as food, emergency shelter & clothing
- Janzen House 226-2271
- Lutheran Social Services 226-7040
- Marquette County Habitat for Humanity 228-3578

Elderly Citizens & Adults with Disabilities
Promoting independence, providing meals and expanding learning/social opportunities
- Alzheimer’s Association 228-3910
- Community Action Alger Marquette 228-6522
- Greater Ishpeming Commission on Aging 485-5527
- Lakestate Industries 273-2131
- Negaunee Senior Center 475-6266
- Propylon Nonprofit Housing 228-4446
- Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) 315-2607

Medical Assistance/Health Care Programs
Keeping physical and mental health within reach
- Bay Cliff Health Camp 345-9314
- Cancer Care of Marquette County 486-8758
- Catholic Social Services 227-9119
- Dial Help 482-9077
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers 228-9699
- Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice 225-7760
- Trillium House 264-5026

Youth Programs
Developing youth into healthy, responsible citizens
- Big Brothers Big Sisters 475-7801
- Child and Family Services 228-4050
- Girl Scouts of the NW Great Lakes (888) 747-6945
- Lake Superior Village Youth & Family Center 228-3771
- STAR Children’s Bereavement Services 350-3231
- Superior Watershed Partnership 228-6095
- Teaching Family Homes 249-5437
- YMCA 227-9622

UNITED WAY VISITS TRILLIUM HOUSE BOARD

By Michele Moran—UWMC Board Member

The UWMC Board of Directors is a very active board whose members are knowledgeable about all of our 25 partner agencies. We regularly invite agencies to our meetings so we can learn more about them, the good work they do, and especially about the programs we fund with our annual campaign dollars.

We also think it’s important for agency boards to know more about us. To that end, we hope to visit each board this year and share information with them, specifically about our campaign. We also will share the agency’s history with UWMC, including designated dollars, and funds awarded through the community investment process. Our first visit was with Trillium House on January 24, when Andrew Rickauer and I met with Director Pat Bray and a very welcoming group of community members (And for this writer, many familiar faces!).

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News from the Director...

Campaign time is busy around the office. As I learn the ropes for the United Way I am amazed everyday on the community support and willingness to help a neighbor in need. I am equally amazed on the impact programs that our partner agencies are working hard at to help solve community needs. There is so much need in our community and I am happy to say that we are 83% towards our annual goal for the campaign year. I encourage each of you to help us push over that goal. If you have not yet donated or your workplace does not offer a workplace campaign then please reach out to our office, we need your support to achieve the remaining 17%.

Everyone counts…Every person, Every need and Every gift

Bringing people, organizations, and resources together to improve community well-being
Please remember to “check off” for the United Way

When filling out your 2019 state taxes you will notice a line item on the Michigan state tax income form 4642, which allows taxpayers to donate all or part of their 2019 Michigan tax return to the United Way Fund. The United Way Fund has been created to help assist low to moderate income families in Michigan with basic needs such as food, clothing and shelter. Donations made by taxpayers in Marquette County will help ease the burden in Marquette County that many families are facing.

Your donations have had a REAL IMPACT on REAL PEOPLE

Local artists supporting the local community! Thanks to Rachel Storck for organizing this pop up art show at The Crib. Rachel is a local artist passionate about helping her community. She recruited other local artists to share their work and help raise awareness and funds for the United Way of Marquette County. If you missed the main event then there is still time to get some great art from the show. Art will be on display and for sale now through the end of February!
The United Way Service Leaders held their first informational meeting this month! This is a new group for the United Way of Marquette County formed by young professionals in our community. Their goal is to increase awareness of our mission in Marquette County while also spearheading special projects that serve community through volunteerism and fundraising. The first meeting was well attended and there was awesome discussion around many ideas. Watch out for what this group will be doing during 2020!

Through the month of December at the Marquette Food Co-op you can round up your purchase to help give back to Marquette County. This year this fundraiser raised over $5,000 to help those in need in our community. This just goes to show that small change adds up quick! Thanks for all your support Marquette Food Co-op and shoppers!

Trillium House (from page 1)

Trillium House is our newest partner agency. It began as a concept in 2013 and after a very successful capital campaign opened their doors in July 2018. Later that year they joined UWMC. A hospice house providing end of life care for terminally ill people whose family circumstances preclude staying at home, Trillium House is a beautiful home located on Northland Drive in Marquette.

Recently Trillium had their first respite care resident. Based upon available space, Trillium will provide the same 24 hour quality care for others whose caregivers at home may be temporarily unavailable, or perhaps need a break. With all we know about caregiver stress and burnout, this seems like a much needed option.

For more information about hospice care or respite care, call Pat at 906/264-5026.
Meet Davida...

Davida came home being more herself, because her speech improved so much. She loves Bay Cliff so much, she can't wait to go back every year. She has friends there with the other campers and she knows there are people there who love her. The biggest improvement we saw this summer was with her self-esteem, because her speech improved so much and people could hear and understand her they began to include her more in things and pay attention to her more. Each summer when she comes home she is a changed little girl, always for the better. She loves her summers at Bay Cliff.

Making a difference in Marquette County!

"Bridging the Generational Gap"

The Negaunee Senior Center has created a bridge for two generations to meet and enjoy learning from each other. The west end senior center is home to the “Bridging the Generational Gap” program. The program has been in place for more than a decade and successfully partners senior activities and students in their first employment opportunity. The students learn by helping to set up, host and serve weekly home-cooked meals to seniors. They learn through planning for the events and interacting with the seniors. The seniors enjoy being treated to the energy of youth through serving. They also enjoy sharing their wisdom and experience with the students. This give and take is especially visible to the community through the senior center garden. The seniors oversee and partner with the students to plan and prepare the garden. Together they plant and tend to the garden during the summertime. As soon as the fresh vegetables are ready the students are back in serving mode sharing what they have grown together. The “Bridging the Generational Gap” has been a recipient of United Way funding since it’s conception. The program is an amazing example of local donations in action!
Endowment Fund

Gifts to our Endowment Fund are critical to United Way of Marquette County’s ability to address our community’s most pressing issues: Basic Needs, Elderly Citizens & Adults with Disabilities, Medical Assistance/Health Care Programs and Youth Programs.

Endowment Fund: The United Way Endowment Fund was established in 2004 to help pay the operations expenses of the United Way of Marquette County.

Your donations at work....

Connecting at risk youth with seniors!
At Great Lakes Recovery Center (GLRC)
Wednesday evening is something we look forward all week! GLRC hosts a “Bridges” event connecting at risk youth with seniors. GLRC Youth love interacting with the community, especially with our seniors! We create unbreakable bonds with these amazing people, teaching and learning life skills. We plan activities, crafts, watch movies, and have snacks; talking about our days and learning new things about each other. I know I speak for everyone when I say this is definitely the highlight of our week! We walk in the room leaving every problem and any bad thoughts at the door knowing we can finally meet with our seniors in this stress free environment. We have developed a love for these people; they have greatly impacted our lives on so many different levels. I am very grateful to be able to have this awesome opportunity once a week. -ML
Employees from the following local businesses have generously given to the 2019-20 campaign, Thank you!