



UNITED WAY
Bemidji Area

OUR FOCUS



ONE UNEXPECTED BILL CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING

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| • Car repair | → | • Missed rent |
| • Medical bill | → | • Empty pantry |
| • Child care increase | → | • Credit card debt |
| • Furnace repair | → | • Delayed medical care |

ASSET LIMITED INCOME CONSTRAINED EMPLOYED

At the heart of this year's campaign is ALICE—Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed. These are the individuals and families in our community who work hard but still struggle to afford basic needs. Living just above the poverty line, ALICE households are often one unexpected expense away from crisis. United Way is focused on creating real, lasting change by ensuring ALICE families have access to the support and opportunities they need to thrive. Learn more at UnitedForALICE.org.



The Forever Fund was created to serve as the backbone of our community, by providing long-term funding to our local United Way. This fund serves two purposes, 1) Emergency community funding when needed; and 2) Support funding for United Way to ensure our impact is sustainable over time. Donors can make a gift that keeps giving for generations to come. Visit www.UnitedWayBemidji.org/Forever-Fund



**LONG TERM
STORM RECOVERY**

After the June 21, 2025 derecho, United Way of Bemidji Area formed a Long Term Storm Recovery Committee and hired a Disaster Case Manager to help families rebuild. Alongside the Northwest Minnesota Foundation, City of Bemidji, Bemidji Fire Department, Beltrami County, Sanford Health, Headwaters Regional Development Commission, Community Resource Connections, Justice North, and Bemidji Pioneer we continue to identify unmet needs and connect neighbors to the resources, volunteers, and funding that move recovery forward.

AFFINITY GROUPS



GET INVOLVED

**GIVE WHERE
YOU LIVE**



99% of your donation stays local, helping meet our community's greatest needs.

**ADOPT AN
AGENCY**



Adopt an Agency pairs local businesses with United Way partner agencies to strengthen community support, and create meaningful volunteer opportunities.

**WORKPLACE
CAMPAIGN**



Support what matters where you live and work. A United Way workplace campaign empowers your team to give where you live.

**VOLUNTEER
YOUR TIME**



Lend your time and talents alongside 1,000 other local volunteers to transform lives in our community!
www.VolunteerBemidji.org

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**GIVE. WHERE.
YOU. LIVE.**

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HOW YOUR DOLLARS WORK



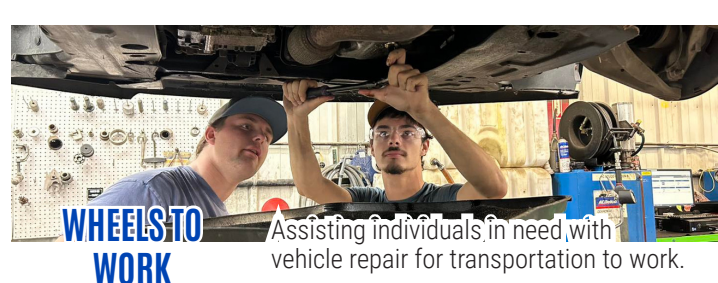
2026-2027 UNITED WAY PARTNER AGENCIES

HEALTHY COMMUNITY	YOUTH OPPORTUNITY	FINANCIAL SECURITY
ADULT DAY SERVICES 	HEADWATERS MUSIC & ARTS 	EVERGREEN YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES
BEMIDJI SENIOR CENTER 	NORTHWOODS CAREGIVERS 	BEMIDJI COMMUNITY FOOD SHELF
FACE IT TOGETHER 	LEAD FOR INCLUSION 	NAMELESS COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS
SUPPORT WITHIN REACH 	BLACKDUCK AREA FOOD SHELF 	NORTH COUNTRY FOOD BANK
PEACEMAKER RESOURCES 	NORTH COUNTRY FOOD BANK 	NORTHWOODS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
FAMILY ADVOCACY CENTER OF NORTHERN MINNESOTA 	COMMUNITY RESOURCE CONNECTIONS 	PEOPLES CHURCH
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NORTHERN DENTAL ACCESS CENTER 	KELLIHER AREA FOOD SHELF 	VILLAGE OF HOPE

OUR PROGRAMS

At United Way of Bemidji Area, we are dedicated to transforming lives and supporting those in need in our community. Our programs solve collaborative issues that our Partner Agencies are facing.

From providing weekend food packs to students experiencing hunger and food insecurity to partnerships that provide preventative and immediate safety vehicle repair needs, United Way is responding to improve the lives of those who live in our community.



UNITED WAY FUNDS

ALICE FUND
The ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) Fund supports working families earning above the Federal Poverty Level yet struggling to afford basic expenses.

HOUSING TRUST FUND
As administrator of the County's fund, United Way financially supports housing programs and development of new construction of affordable housing in Beltrami County.

UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN FOR THE COMMUNITY FUND
The annual Campaign for the Community supports local agencies and initiatives that address Financial Security, Healthy Community, and Youth Opportunity.

UNITED WAY FOREVER FUND
The Forever Fund is both a financial safety net and a resource for times of community crisis. It's an investment that grows over time.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION
In partnership with Paul Bunyan Broadcasting, this fund supports local child abuse prevention programming for families.

SUICIDE PREVENTION
This fund supports suicide prevention efforts in Beltrami County, in partnership with Headwaters Alliance for Suicide Prevention.

DISASTER RELIEF FUND
In partnership with Northwest Minnesota Foundation and in response to the recent storm, this fund supports immediate and long-term recovery efforts through local nonprofits and partners.