



United Way  
of Bemidji Area  
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# CLEARWATER COUNTY IMPACT REPORT



## GRANT FUNDING

Since 2020, United Way has provided local funding and support to the following agencies:

- Clearwater County Food Shelf
- North Country Food Bank
- Support Within Reach
- LSS Meals on Wheels
- Family Safety Network
- Northern Dental Access Center



Weeks of Caring  
**Sock Drive!**

## WEEK OF CARING

RiverWood Bank in Bagley participated in the United Way Week of Caring and collected socks for those in need.



## 97 CHILDREN

ages 0-5 receive a free book every month through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.



## 24 CHILDREN

are receiving weekend food packs through Backpack Buddies in Clearbrook-Gonvick school

## 43 CHILDREN

are receiving weekend food packs every other week through Backpack Buddies in Bagley schools



## VOLUNTEER WEBSITE

New in 2024! United Way is creating a volunteer website that will allow agencies to post volunteer opportunities, events, and donation needs



## 144,000 LBS OF FOOD

were distributed through Food Drops in partnership with the North Country Food Bank over the past year



## 500+ WINTER ITEMS

were distributed through Clearwater County's first annual Coats for the Community in Bagley



## 2024 CLEARWATER ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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# UPDATES FROM THE UNITED WAY



## WHO IS ALICE?

People working one or more jobs with little or no savings - often one emergency away from poverty.

These are people our community relies on like:

childcare providers  
home health aides  
cashiers  
retail clerks  
waiters  
nonprofit professionals

## ASSET LIMITED INCOME CONSTRAINED EMPLOYED

ALICE® is an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed, and it's a way of understanding families, neighbors, and colleagues who work hard, earn above the Federal Poverty Level, but don't make enough to afford a basic household survival budget. ALICE workers include childcare providers, home health aides, cashiers, retail clerks, waiters, nonprofit professionals and others – those working low-wage jobs, with little or no savings and one emergency from poverty. As members of the United Ways of Minnesota, our organizations recently joined the United for ALICE network – a national movement to raise awareness about this growing but often hidden population in our communities.

As we prepare for United Way's upcoming annual campaign, our focus is on ALICE. We are committed to ensuring ALICE families have the resources and opportunities they need to thrive.

For more information, visit [www.UnitedForAlice.org](http://www.UnitedForAlice.org)

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FOREVER FUND

*The Backbone of our Community*

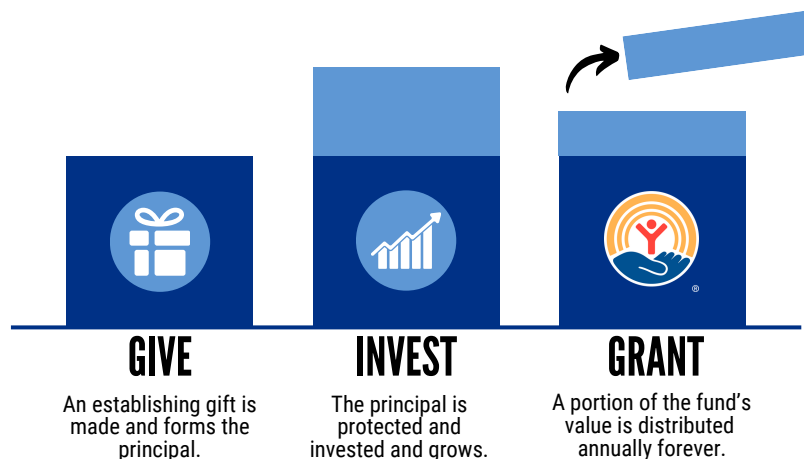
The Forever Fund was created to serve as the backbone of our community, by providing long-term funding to our local United Way.

This fund serves two purposes, 1) Emergency community funding, when needed; and 2) Support funding for United Way to ensure their work is sustainable over time.

The Forever Fund is both a financial safety net and a resource for times of community crisis. By contributing to the Forever Fund, you are investing in the long-term well-being of our community. The fund will provide essential Basic Needs, Health, and Education resources.

Your contribution to the Forever Fund is tax-deductible! And, depending on how you give, maximum tax benefits may be realized.

## HOW DOES THE FOREVER FUND WORK?



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