

2025-2026 DOLLAR COUNT

Donations & Sponsorships: \$482,000
Books on Central Revenue: \$41,000
United Way Volunteers: \$157,000
In-Kind Donations: \$209,000

VALUE TOTAL: \$889,000

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COMMUNITIES



818
families received housing support
– *Community Action Center*

692
mentors & mentees found each other and built relationships
– *Project Friendship*

5,700
people accessed health care
– *HealthFinders*

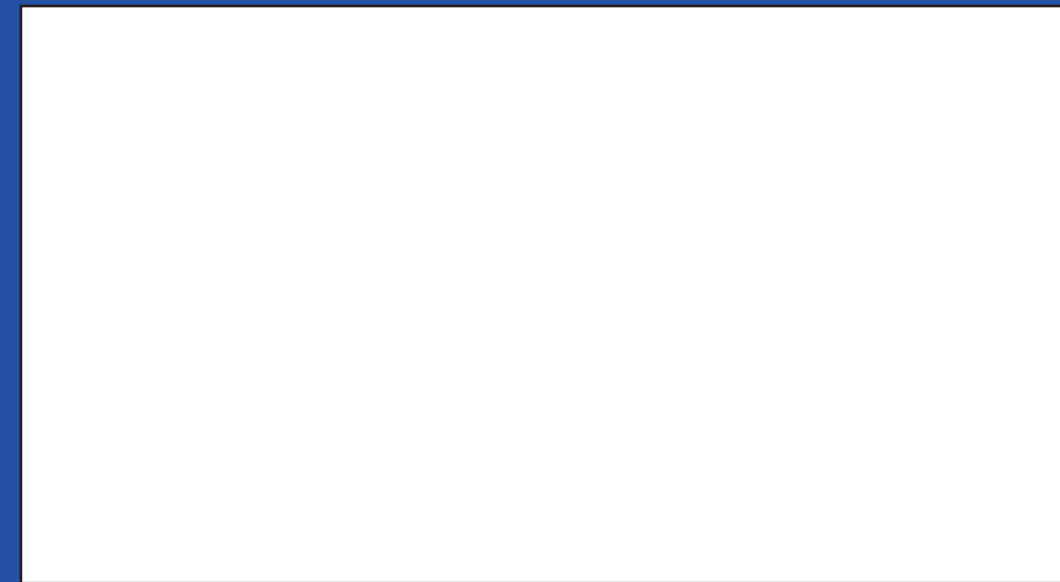
50,139
PEOPLE SERVED

3,541
social, educational and recreational engagements were enjoyed
– *Project ABLE*

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THE WAY**



A MESSAGE FROM LAURA

Dear Neighbor,

Rice County Area United Way brings together families, businesses, schools, and local partners to meet the greatest needs facing our community. Last year our partner agencies provided support to neighbors in Faribault, Northfield, Lonsdale, and the townships in between more than 50,000 times. With one donation to our United Way, you support 25 local partner agencies tackling four big issues: financial security and basic needs, healthy community, youth opportunity, and literacy.

The need is real. In Rice County, 41% of households can't afford the basics: housing, child care, food, transportation, and health care. Over the next two years, we're investing \$250,000 a year in the agencies meeting those needs, and that work depends on gifts like yours.

This year, we're also honoring Marcia Morris-Beck, who led United Way from 2007 to 2011. Marcia lived a modest life and quietly saved for neighbors she would never meet. When she passed away in March of 2026, her planned gift became the largest in our history. In her honor, the new Morris-Beck Founder Society recognizes donors who make a planned gift or give \$20,000 or more.

Whether you're new to United Way or it's been a while, we'd love to have you with us. Make your gift today at www.ricecountyunitedway.org/donate and help make sure fewer of our neighbors are left waiting.



Laura
Laura Riehle-Merrill
Executive Director
Rice County Area United Way



PARTNER AGENCIES BY IMPACT AREA

To support our neighbors, we're investing \$250,000 a year over the next two years in partner agencies across Rice County. These agencies do the hard, hands-on work of caring for our neighbors.

HEALTHY COMMUNITY

- Aging Services for Communities
- A Great Day Farm
- HOPE Center
- HealthFinders Collaborative, Inc.
- Healthy Community Initiative
- Minnesota Medication Repository Program DBA RoundtableRx
- Project ABLE
- Restorative and Mediation Practices (RAMP)
- Ruth's House of Hope

FINANCIAL STABILITY/ BASIC NEEDS

- Community Action Center
- Lonsdale Area Food Shelf
- Rice County Neighbors United/Barrios Unidos
- The Salvation Army
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Three Rivers Community Action, Inc.
- Workforce Development, Inc

YOUTH OPPORTUNITY

- Faribault Community Schools
- Northfield Public Schools
- Northfield Union of Youth
- Project Friendship
- ServeMinnesota
- Somali Community Resettlement Services
- TORCH (Tackling Obstacles Raising College Hopes)
- Tri-City United School District

LITERACY

- Books on Central
- Dolly Parton's Imagination Library
- Lonsdale Public Library
- Surad Academy

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY

United Way honors Dolly Parton's legacy by proudly sponsoring the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, a program which sends a free book every month to Rice County area children from birth through age 5. Our local program has put books into the hands of over 5,900 children and counting. Join us for the Dolly Book Bash in January!

BOOKS ON CENTRAL

United Way's all-volunteer bookstore, Books on Central, directly supports United Way's literacy focus while raising money that flows directly to United Way's Partner Agencies.



"The stability and flexibility of United Way funding provides critical backbone support to organizations like the Community Action Center. In addition, United Way support helps organizations like ours demonstrate community commitment when we compete for competitive state and federal grants. United Way funding helps leverage additional financial resources into our community."

- Zach Pruitt, Executive Director, Community Action Center

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