



## PROVIDING BASIC NEEDS & IMPROVING PEOPLE'S HEALTH AND SAFETY

Health impacts every aspect of a person's daily life. That's why United Way of Greater Milwaukee ensures people have access to basic human needs like food and shelter, and resources to live healthy lives from prenatal programs to end-of-life care, and everything in between.

We understand that to truly make an impact, we must focus on a spectrum of health programs and services. Whether it's someone without health insurance, a victim of abuse, a person struggling with mental illness, or a teen involved in risky behaviors, United Way is focused on helping people throughout Greater Milwaukee get healthy.

### UNITED WAY HEALTH OBJECTIVES:

Increase Access to:	What United Way is Doing	Why
Emergency resources and basic needs, like food and shelter.	Partnering with area pantries to provide healthy foods to those at-risk for hunger.	In Wisconsin, 1 out of 11 households lack sufficient food. <b>United Way result: 66% of people utilizing United Way food pantries report using the money that they saved on food purchases for other basic needs including rent, utilities, health care and transportation.</b>
Physical and mental health care, dental care and affordable prescriptions.	Investing in clinics and quality health care, including prenatal care, childhood immunizations, care for older adults, and dental care for the uninsured.	Approximately one in six Americans is uninsured. Of the uninsured, 80% are from working families. Locally, 77,000 children in Wisconsin are uninsured. <b>United Way result: As of May 2010, Milwaukee County residents saved more than \$200,000 using United Way's FamilyWise prescription-assistance program.</b>
Substance abuse, child abuse and family violence prevention services.	Address root causes to treat and prevent substance abuse. Support emergency shelters, along with prevention and treatment for those at-risk of domestic abuse.	In our community, more than 15,000 hospitalizations were the result of drugs or alcohol last year. One in four women is likely to be abused by a partner in her lifetime. <b>United Way result: 75% of women in United Way-funded domestic violence programs are more aware of resources they could use to stay out of danger.</b>
A support network to help individuals with cognitive and physical disabilities live independently, and with dignity.	Empowering individuals with cognitive and physical disabilities through skills training and job placement. Providing intervention, advocacy, rehabilitation, therapy and support for individuals with disabilities and their families.	Nationally, about 50 million people have a disability. In the state of Wisconsin, there are about 753,000 adults 18 and over who experience disability, representing 18.4% of the population. <b>United Way result: 97% of participants in United Way disabilities programs felt that they are treated with respect and dignity.</b>
Resources to help older adults remain healthy and safe in their own homes.	In-home assistance for older adults to allow them to live independently.	In Wisconsin, one-third of individuals with disabilities are older adults. <b>United Way result: 95% of participants in a United Way older adult support program gained knowledge of additional resources to help them stay in their homes.</b>
Special focus: Teen Pregnancy and Health Risk Prevention.	Fund youth and teen prevention, and intervention, of alcohol and substance abuse. A community-wide, focused approach on significantly lowering the rate of teen pregnancy in Milwaukee through prevention, education and an aggressive public awareness campaign.	Milwaukee has one of the highest teen birth rates in the country. <b>United Way result: In November 2009, the City of Milwaukee Health Department announced Milwaukee's teen birth rate declined for the second year in a row and was at a 30-year low, thanks in part to United Way's efforts.</b>

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