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Letter to the Editor
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Your local United Way of Hastings would like to ensure clarity regarding current funding of the important and impressive domestic abuse work being done in our community by 360 Communities Lewis House. A frontpage article in the Thursday, June 1, 2017 issue of the Hastings Star Gazette announced funding cuts to 360 Communities undertaken by the Greater Twin Cities United Way due to a shift in their funding strategies caused by a shortfall in overall donations.

The United Way of Hastings (UWH) operates independently from the Greater Twin Cities United Way and serves individuals living within Independent School District #200 including Hastings, Hampton, Miesville, New Trier, Vermillion, Welch, and portions of Washington County. UWH leverages the input of several volunteers who either live or work in our community to make separate funding decisions on local programs requesting support. These programs are managed by UWH's Funded Partner Agencies, including 360 Communities.

Despite some disappointing shortfall in donations locally, UWH has not reduced its 2017 funding decisions for 360 Communities, which is one of nearly 20 other Hastings area organizations and programs funded this year. To learn more about the local impact of UWH and its Funded Partner Agencies, visit www.unitedwayofhastings.org.

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