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United Way of Hastings Allocates \$105,000 to Area Organizations Through its Annual Grants Process

The United Way of Hastings (UWH) Community Investment Committee recently reviewed grant requests from nearly 20 local organizations and received approval from the UWH Board of Directors to allocate \$105,000 to organizations providing services in the Hastings area.

“The generosity of the Hastings community has allowed UWH to fund a number of organizations that provide direct services to those in need in our local area,” said Mari E. Mellick, CAE, Executive Director. “It’s rewarding to know that the dollars raised from members in our community in 2014 stay right here in our community for needed services in 2015.”

To receive funding, organizations must meet allocations guidelines and have an impact on individuals living in the geographic area that includes the Hastings Independent School District #200. “We are fortunate to partner with groups that align with our mission and provide needed services in our impact areas of Education, Health, and Financial Stability,” added Mellick. “The UWH is also focusing on youth in 2015.” Organizations that were approved for funding in 2015 are:

360 Communities Partners for Success® Program & Lewis House
Boy Scouts, Northern Star Council
Community Education: Early Childhood Scholarships
Community Education: Disabilities Program
DARTS
Hastings Family Service
Hastings Middle School: Summer Wedge
Hastings Middle School: Opportunities After School Improving Success (OASIS)
Hastings High School and Hastings Middle School: Special Friends Vocational Training
Hastings High School: Field Biology
Hastings YMCA
Hope Christian Preschool and Kindergarten
Lifeworks
Pro-Act
St. Croix Valley Restorative Justice Council
True Friends

The UWH also funds additional programs outside of its traditional grants process. “With a small organizational budget of approximately \$300,000, the UWH works efficiently and lean in order to fund additional programs on its own or in partnership with other local groups,” Mellick said.

Additional programs receiving funding in 2015 are:

Alternative Spring Break
A Healthier Hastings 4All
Community Partners Collaboration
E-Volunteer Network
FamilyWize Prescription Drug Discounts

Give Kids A Smile
Hastings Beyond the Yellow Ribbon
Hastings READS
Helping Kids Succeed—The Hastings Way
Income Tax Preparation Referral
Imagination Library
Rivertown Days Glow Run
Student Hastings Impact Program—Americorps Promise Fellows
United Way 2-1-1 24/7 Help Line
Young Life Youth Connections

The UWH is an independent United Way that has worked for over 50 years serving Hastings and the surrounding rural communities within Independent School District #200. Its mission is to build partnerships to improve the lives of people in our community. Donations are accepted year-round. For more information about the UWH and the agencies it funds, visit www.unitedwayofhastings.org.

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