

Please
Respond by
November 15



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FROM: Mari E. Mellick, CAE, Executive Director
DATE: October 1, 2023
SUBJECT: I Had No Idea – Respond by November 15

"I Had No Idea!" is typically what I hear from people when I discuss what is happening in our community. As we plead with people to not take any pills that are not prescribed to you, overdoses and fentanyl poisonings are at an all-time high. The latest is the dangerous horse tranquilizer, Xylazine, being mixed with fentanyl in illicit pills and in marijuana. Please help us educate and increase the awareness.



ONE PILL CAN KILL

- First quarter 2023, Dakota County seized more illicit pills than the entire year of 2022. And, 2022 seizures totaled more than the last 20 years combined!
- #1 cause of death amongst 18 – 45-year-olds is fentanyl poisoning. That's more deaths by opioids/fentanyl than deaths by covid, suicide, car accidents, or gun violence for 18 – 45-year-olds.
- ONE death is too many.

Get the facts at www.unitedwayofhastings.org/onepillcankill.

CALL TO ACTION: By donating, you allow us to do more webinars, roundtables, and presentations to students and adults to build awareness – education is key. **Donate and become a "Bridge Community Leader."** For nearly 60 years, United Way of Hastings has been the **Heart of Hastings** helping those in need. And even longer, Hastings bridges have been a symbol of connection in our community. By becoming a "Bridge Community Leader," or increasing your existing Bridge Community Leader donor level, you lead the way in helping community members be strong, resilient, and connected. Please help meet community needs by completing and returning the form on the reverse **by November 15.**

All Arch Bridge (\$1000) and Blue Bridge (\$500) Community Leaders will be recognized at an exclusive Community Leader Breakfast.



JOIN THE CLUB!

Note: unlike campaign sponsorships, your Bridge Community Leader donation is tax deductible.



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UNITED TOGETHER ~ IT'S WHAT WE DO
Now more than ever, we need your support



HELP US REACH OUR \$300,000 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN GOAL
and
**YOUR BUSINESS COULD BE RECOGNIZED
AT AN EXCLUSIVE GATHERING!**

Arch Bridge and Blue Bridge Community Leaders will be invited to an exclusive Bridge Community Leader Breakfast in March 2024.

Bridge Community Leader Investment Levels

Due November 15



Arch Bridge Community Leader \$1000

Receives invitation to exclusive community breakfast in 2024

- \$1000 supports 1 Communities in Schools counselor helping high school students catch up, pass, and graduate.



Blue Bridge Community Leader \$500

Receives invitation to exclusive community breakfast in 2024

- \$500 funds 1 scholarship for post-secondary education.



Spiral Bridge Community Leader \$250

\$250 buys legal assistance for 2 single moms.



Foundation Community Leader \$100

- \$100 buys 20 students food for 1 weekend.

(circle one of the above levels, complete the following, and return with check by November 15 to United Way of Hastings, PO Box 353, Hastings, MN 55033)

Print Organization Name _____
(as you would like it shown in recognition materials)

Print Contact Name _____

Email _____

Check to receive a Helping Kids Succeed Handbook on strength, resiliency, and connection. Check to receive anonymous

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