

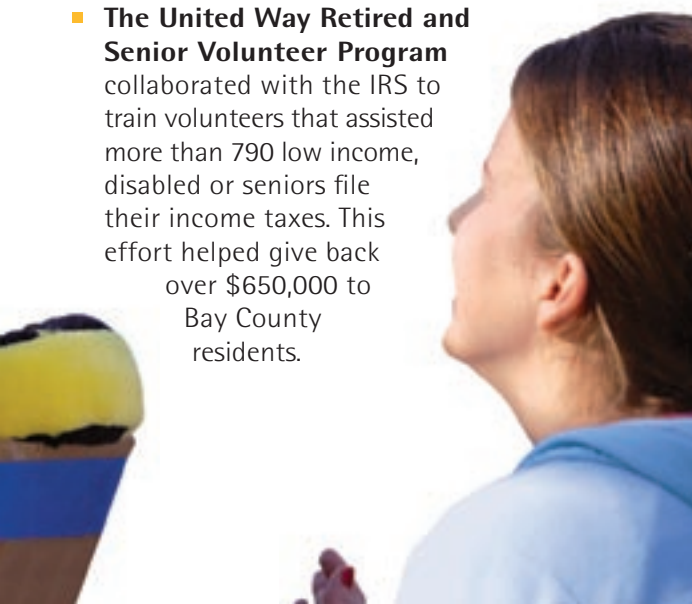


WORKING TOGETHER maximizes YOUR GIFT

The United Way works together with other non-profit agencies to build and bring success to the Bay community.

■ **Our Community Service Program** partnered with the National Association of Letter Carriers to "Stamp out Hunger" in Bay County by collecting over 47,000 pounds of food to support food pantries in Bay County throughout the year.

■ **The United Way Retired and Senior Volunteer Program** collaborated with the IRS to train volunteers that assisted more than 790 low income, disabled or seniors file their income taxes. This effort helped give back over \$650,000 to Bay County residents.



Partner agencies

The United Way is proud to call these agencies our partners. **Please give generously** to support their quality services and United Way programs that make Bay County a strong and healthy place to live.

- American Red Cross
- BASIS/Sacred Heart Rehabilitation
- Bay Area Family YMCA
- Bay Area Women's Center
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Boy Scouts - Lake Huron Area Council
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Bay County
- Catholic Family Service
- CORY Place
- Do-All, Inc.
- Girl Scouts of Mitten Bay
- Hidden Harvest
- Literacy Council of Bay County
- Lutheran Child and Family Service of Michigan
- Nathan Weidner Children's Advocacy Center
- New Dimensions
- Saginaw Valley Regional 4C
- Salvation Army
- YWCA of Bay County

responding to your needs and demonstrating results... **THAT'S WHAT MATTERS!**



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WHAT matters...

Building Today for a Better Tomorrow



Thousands of caring people come together to make Bay County a better place to work and live.

THE RESULTS are **remarkable.**



YOUR united way

YOUR GIFT LEADS A HELPING HAND

PLEASE GIVE TODAY. It is through your generous donations the United Way of Bay County and our 19 partner agencies are able to change lives by addressing the root cause of our community's most important needs. We ensure that people in need are being helped today. Here are some of the ways your contribution makes a difference.

- **Helping children succeed.** Give just a \$5 a week donation and the United Way and its partner agencies are able to ensure a child's success through educational activities, schooling and providing material resources to those in need.



- **Encouraging youth to make a difference** through volunteering and after school activities offered through our partner agencies, a \$10 a week donation maintains these opportunities for youth in Bay County.
- **Leading the way for adults** to become more self-sufficient by providing the necessary tools to help them succeed on their own, a pledge of \$1 a week supplies transportation for disabled individuals for two months.
- **Providing basic needs** through food donations. For \$20 per week, 4,000 pounds of food is supplied to over 100 families in Bay County during the holiday season.



american dream **INITIATIVE**

The **American Dream Initiative** was created with a single purpose: to align women's leadership and philanthropy with an urgent community priority – support elementary school parents and caregivers so that families can be stable, strong and healthy. **How?** By teaching caregivers the life skills needed to lead successful families and **assisting** them in obtaining the financial and mentoring resources needed to fully support their children.

The community priority was revealed with alarming clarity after extensive research, focus groups and community

data were reviewed. In Bay County, thousands of families that live at or below poverty want to help their children but do not have the knowledge or resources to do so. They struggle, and in turn, raise children who will also struggle in a life of poverty. Thanks to the American Dream, a group of influential, committed women in our community have found a better way to help these children which addresses the underlying causes that lead to a cycle of underachievement and limited life prospects.

To become a contributor to the American Dream, use the pledge card and choose designation option "American Dream". A minimum donation of \$250 will be invested with 60% going directly to the initiative and 40% going to the general fund of the United Way partner agencies that provide a safety net of support programs for families. In addition, all or part of your Pillars Club gift can be designated to the American Dream.

The American Dream will connect women and families across the community to achieve results no one alone can accomplish. It will also open doors for volunteerism, advocacy and networking opportunities.

United Way information is accessible 24 hours a day on our website. For more information on the United Way of Bay County or to donate on-line visit www.unitedwaybaycounty.org.