

UNITED, WE WILL CHANGE THE ODDS

UNITED WAY

EDUCATION E

Baby Steps Boutique *Strengthens Families*
Helping parents acquire skills to support their child's development through incentives.

Boys and Girls Club *Supports Youth Success*
Providing Deer River, Grand Rapids, and Greenway students with a safe and engaging place that fosters academic success, good character, and healthy lifestyles.

Bridges Kinship Mentoring *Supports Youth Success*
Helping youth achieve their greatest selves by connecting them with positive role models who can befriend, inspire, encourage, and guide them.

Project READ *Fosters Learning*
Promoting the value of reading daily to children and providing resources necessary to help raise successful readers.

Promise Fellow Program *Fosters Learning*
Providing unique, multi-faceted services that bolster academics and social well-being among youth at risk of falling behind.

Itasca County Area
32%
youth who experience strong relationships with adults outside of their families.

Youth For Christ Campus Life *Fosters Learning*
Providing opportunities for teens in Deer River, Grand Rapids, and Greenway to grow physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually.

Youth For Christ Juvenile Justice *Fosters Learning*
Mentoring program serving youth who are in juvenile justice and/or child welfare systems.

Itasca County Family YMCA
Child Care Scholarship Program *Fosters Learning*
Providing families with financial support to help pay for high-quality care and early education to assist in preparing their children for school.

YMCA Youth Center *Fosters Learning*
Providing at-risk youth a safe community with caring adults who mentor academics and encourage better life decisions.

Itasca County
87%
students who graduate on time (13% will struggle to find jobs + financial stability).

53,488

number of families and individuals who used United Way supported programs one or more times in the past 12 months.

1,517

number of children and youth supported by out-of-school time programs throughout Itasca County this year.

WE FIGHT FOR LIZ

"Campus Life does not just guide you in your faith journey," Liz said. "They guide you in life. They open your eyes to things that are scary, but they also show you how to pull the good out of them." [Read Liz's story at unitedwayof1000lakes.org/stories/Liz](http://unitedwayof1000lakes.org/stories/Liz)

960,000

number of pounds of food distributed through area food shelves to individuals experiencing hunger. United Way funding alone provides two months of food for close to 7,000 visits.

WE FIGHT FOR JOEY

"If it hadn't been for Adult Day Stay, I would have had to work part-time to be able to care for my mom" said Joey. "It saved my sanity, and helped with guilt. It gave me hope that we would make it through this." [Read Joey's story at unitedwayof1000lakes.org/stories/Joey](http://unitedwayof1000lakes.org/stories/Joey)

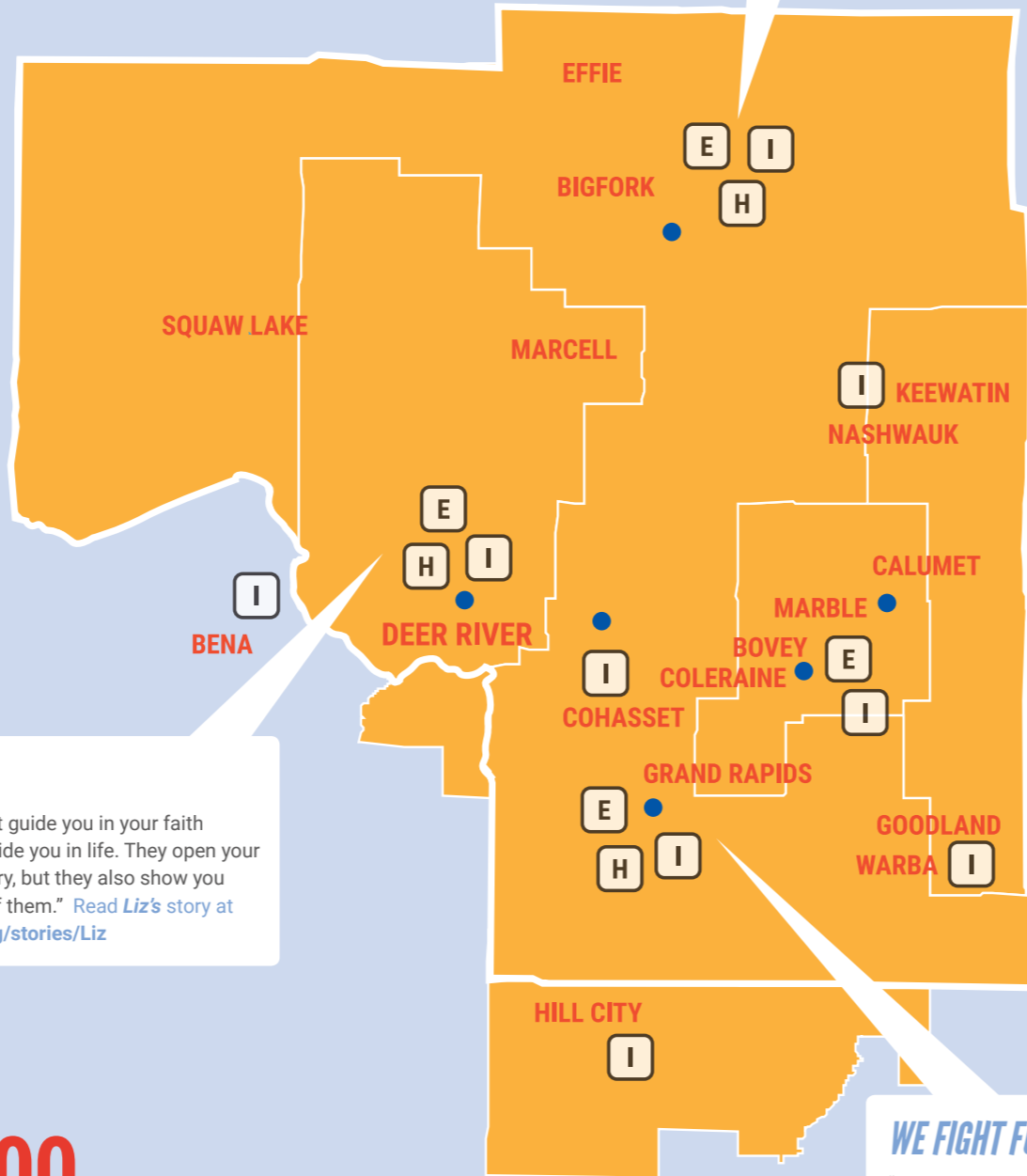
WE FIGHT FOR MONICA

"Food helps our family get stronger. It does more than fuel our bodies. We are feeding our family's network – our connections with each other – around this table. Our mealtime is a kind of therapy for us." said Monica. "This food, this table, has done so much for us. We are all growing – physically, mentally and emotionally. We may not have much, but we have this time together." [Read Monica's story at unitedwayof1000lakes.org/stories/Monica](http://unitedwayof1000lakes.org/stories/Monica)

KEY

● 5-2-1-0 PlayStations

□ Program Sites



3,606
number of shelter nights provided by United Way funded programs. On any night, more than 80 individuals are homeless in our region and one third are children and youth.

6,000
number of residents who live in poverty and who make the impossible choice between paying rent and putting food on the table.

HEALTH H

5-2-1-0 PlayStations *Improves Health*
Helping families lead healthy lives by promoting the 5-2-1-0 active living message and equipping neighborhood parks with free libraries filled with sports gear to use while visiting parks.

Bigfork Valley Adult Day Stay *Supports Independence*
Providing respite care for caregivers and a safe, supportive environment for people who require supervised care.

ElderCircle Good Neighbor Plus *Supports Independence*
Providing companionship, respite to caregivers, homemaking and home management help, as well as assistance with personal cares.

ElderCircle Groceries-To-Go *Supports Independence*
Enriching the lives of seniors by providing grocery delivery services that promote dignity, well-being, and independence.

Isolation is an issue affecting many seniors living in rural areas. Transportation is the number one barrier to access services.

65+

Itasca County

ElderCircle RSVP *Improves Health*
Providing meaningful volunteer opportunities for ages 55 and over in which they can share their experience, abilities, and skills for the betterment of their community and themselves.

ElderCircle Senior Wheels *Supports Independence*
Providing safe, timely, and affordable transportation to medical/dental appointments for older adults residing in Itasca County.

Home Visitor Program *Supports Independence*
Providing seniors with services, education on community resources, health assessments, and safety needs.

Itasca Wellness Court *Improves Health*
A rehabilitation program, combining alcohol and drug treatment, sobriety testing, and monitoring to break the cycle of addiction for offenders.

Kiesler Wellness Center *Improves Health*
A peer-driven community supporting recovery for individuals impacted by mental illness and promoting physical and mental wellness.

Project Care *Improves Health*
A free outpatient clinic providing access to care, preventative education, and advocacy services for uninsured and underinsured patients.

YMCA Active Living Center *Supports Independence*
Multi-generational space that provides educational, recreational, social, and wellness programming for ages 55 and over.

Itasca County

1-in-3

children are eligible for free and reduced school lunches.

INCOME & BASIC NEEDS I

Advocates for Family Peace *Safety*
Provides emergency refuge, counseling and advocacy services to adults, children, and youth experiencing domestic violence.

Bigfork Food Shelf *Basic Needs*
Providing hunger relief for people living in Bigfork and surrounding area.

Deer River Food Shelf *Basic Needs*
Providing hunger relief for people living in Deer River and surrounding area.

First Call / United Way 2-1-1 *Information*
2-1-1 Information referral line connects people to essential resources. Information is provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Grace House Homeless Shelter *Basic Needs*
Providing emergency shelter for homeless families and individuals linking them to appropriate social services, steady employment, and housing.

Habitat for Humanity
Home Preservation Program *Financial Stability*
Providing maintenance assistance to low income homeowners by ensuring safe, decent, and healthy homes and property.

Kootasca Crisis Nursery *Safety*
A child abuse and neglect prevention program providing temporary, safe, and nurturing care for families during times of stress and crisis.

Kootasca Transitional Housing *Financial Stability*
Providing housing to homeless adults and families while they improve their job standing or education and increase their income.

MDI/Minnesota Diversified Industries *Financial Stability*
Providing meaningful employment opportunities for all people with disabilities.

Kids-Packs-to-Go Backpacks *Basic Needs*
Supporting weekend hunger relief to elementary school children in Bena, Bigfork, Bovey/Coleraine, Cohasset, Grand Rapids, Hill City, Keewatin, Warba, and Coleraine.

Second Harvest Food Shelf *Basic Needs*
Providing hunger relief for people living in Grand Rapids and surrounding area.

Support Within Reach *Safety*
Providing prevention education counseling and advocacy services for sexual assault and exploitation victims and their families.

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