



Dear valued community member,

For nearly 75 years, Waverly-Shell Rock Area United Way has focused on harnessing the caring power of our community to help ensure a place that everyone can thrive. While the needs in our community are great, and the challenges are sometimes daunting, we at United Way have the privilege of seeing the very best that our community is capable of when we unite together.

Today, so many of our neighbors are working hard to overcome barriers and get ahead. Somewhere in our community:

- A working parent is looking for a way to make this week's paycheck cover the growing costs of groceries, prescriptions, and housing.
 - A middle-schooler is struggling to find a way to stay focused in class because she didn't get a nutritious breakfast this morning.
 - A senior citizen is searching for assistance with a past due utility bill.
- But they are not alone.

Today, 31% of our neighbors in Bremer County and 34% in Butler County are unable to afford the basics of housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, and technology. The gap between household income and expenses means regularly facing impossible decisions, like choosing to see a doctor or choosing to pay the rent that month. Every sacrifice and risky trade-off can threaten a family's health, safety and financial stability.

Together with our community-serving partners and supporters like you, we can connect people to the opportunities they need to reach their full potential and make our community a place where everyone can thrive.

No challenge is too big for us to take on when we work together.
Because, **United is the Way™**.

Please consider a donation today and join us in creating a place for all to thrive. Every dollar matters. Just like every person.

With heartfelt gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rose Zepeda".

Rose Zepeda

Board President

Waverly-Shell Rock Area United Way

**CREATING A
PLACE FOR ALL
TO THRIVE.**

Distributed
8,896 meals to
local families

Prepared **267** kids
for the upcoming
school year with
school supplies

Hosted over **400**
volunteers during
the 2025 United
Way Day of Caring

Supported **532**
children with
holiday gifts

Assisted local families
with **\$38,058**
for emergency
housing & utility
assistance

Make your pledge at
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Venmo: @WSRUnitedway



JOIN US IN CREATING A PLACE FOR ALL TO THRIVE



YOUTH OPPORTUNITY

When young people get the support they need, there's no limit to what they can achieve.

Funded Community Partner Programs

All in Mentoring

School & Community Based Mentoring Program

Fostering Families Together

Family Events

Leader Valley

Leader in Me

Pathways Behavioral Services

School-based Mental Health Services

Waverly-Shell Rock Area United Way Programs

Back to School Project

Summer Meals Program

Community Initiative Support

Bremer County Community Partners

Fiscal Agent

Riptide Community Closet

FINANCIAL SECURITY

Our community is stronger when every neighbor has a safe home, a living wage, and a pathway to financial security.

Funded Community Partner Programs

Friends of the Family

Northeast Iowa Housing Services

Iowa Legal Aid

Financial Stability Project

The Larrabee Center

Employment Support Services

Waverly-Shell Rock Area United Way Programs

Diaper Bank

Holiday Assistance

Holiday Shoppe, Adopt-a-Family, Senior Cheer

Thanksgiving Meals

Warm Wishes

HEALTHY COMMUNITY

A healthy community is one where everyone has the care they need to thrive, at every stage of life.

Funded Community Partner Programs

Bremer County Health Department

Senior Foot Clinics

Helping Services for Youth and Families

Domestic Abuse Resource Center

Lutheran Services in Iowa

Families Together of Bremer County

Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging

Home Delivered and Congregate Meals

North Star Community Services

Supported Community Living

Riverview Center

Sexual Assault/Abuse Crisis Intervention & Prevention

Successlink - Together for Youth

Adolescent Sexual Health Education

Waverly-Shell Rock Area United Way Programs

Produce Vouchers

Community Initiative Support

Suicide Prevention Coalition

COMMUNITY RESILIENCY

In moments of crisis, a resilient community rallies to help neighbors, rises back up together, and stays ready for whatever comes next.

Funded Community Partner Programs

Friends of the Family

Northeast Iowa Sheltering Services

Helping Hands Clothing Closet

Clothing Closet

Northeast Iowa Community Action

Bremer County Food Pantry

Northeast Iowa Food Bank

Feeding Communities

Waverly-Shell Rock Area United Way Programs

Bremer-Butler Crisis Fund

Day of Caring

Volunteer Center of Waverly

Waverly Caring Assistance Network



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MAKE YOUR IMPACT LAST.

Including Waverly-Shell Rock Area United Way in your estate plans helps everyone in our community thrive for generations to come.