# Helping Kids Be All That Kids Can Be

Children and youth are one of our community's greatest assets. The truth is, far too many young people are struggling. Issues such as poverty, inadequate access to food, mental health concerns, secure environments, and insufficient early-years assistance can lead to enduring consequences.

# **Our Goal:**

At United Way Sault Ste. Marie & Algoma District, our goal is to ensure every child and youth has the chance to grow, learn, and succeed regardless of their circumstances. Through early childhood programs, education access, mental wellness support, and safe environments, we help young people overcome barriers and build a strong foundation for the future. With the right tools and support, every child can thrive as a confident, capable member of our community.

# Immediate Needs & Support:

Children and youth in our community face real and urgent challenges—from unstable home environments to learning gaps and mental health struggles. By connecting them with safe spaces, mentorship, academic supports, and wellness resources, we ensure they have the foundation they need to grow, thrive, and reach their full potential.



# **Our Partners:**

# United Way Sault Ste. Marie & Algoma District

Backpacks for Success

## United Way & Sault College

Bursary Program at Sault College

# **Royal Canadian Air Cadets**

Cadet Program

# Camp McDougall Big Brothers Big Sisters

The BIG Fit Program





# From Poverty to Possibility

Poverty is a daily struggle for many in our community, forcing difficult choices like paying rent or buying food. Its complex, interconnected causes have broad social and economic impacts that affect entire communities.

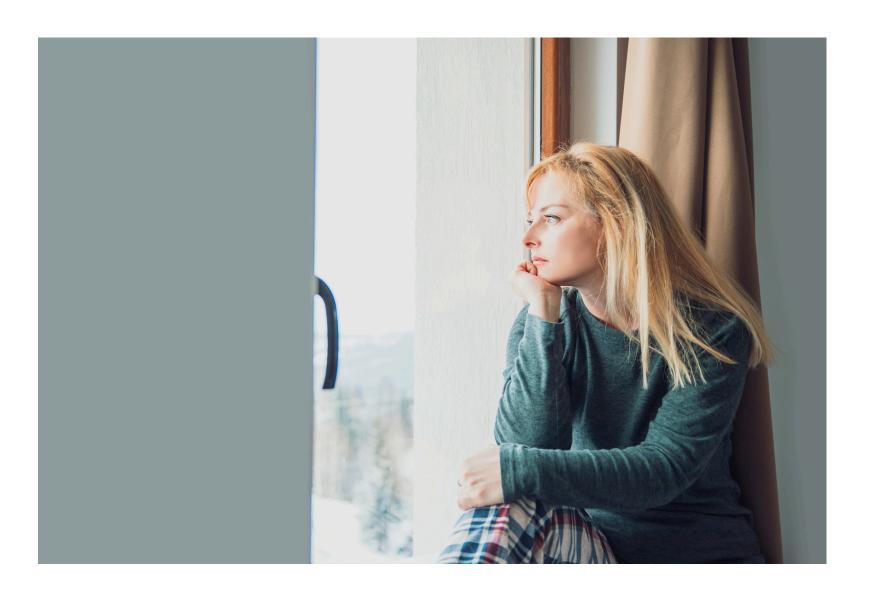
# **Our Goal:**

We aim to meet the essential needs of our community's most atrisk individuals, giving everyone the opportunity to thrive., in partnership with others, is committed to building the foundations of a quality life by ensuring access to vital services such as food, housing, job opportunities, financial support, and educational programs exactly when and where they're needed.

# Immediate Needs & Support:

We respond to the urgent needs of individuals and families in crisis by providing access to food, shelter, and essential items, as well as direct financial assistance. Through trusted partnerships and referral systems, we help those facing challenges such as medical emergencies, housing instability, and financial hardship get the support they need—quickly, respectfully, and when it matters most.





# **Our Partners:**

### **United Way Essential Services**

Northern Health Travel Grants
Volunteer Income Tax Program
Period Promise

## **Canadian Mental Health Association**

Walk In Counselling

#### Pauline's Place

Warmer Days Program

#### **Grocer 4 Good**

Monday Meals

## **Canadian Hearing Society**

General Support Services (GSS)



# **Building Strong Communities**

The strength of a community hinges on the well-being of its most vulnerable citizens. Frequently, residents encounter obstacles in obtaining the crucial services required for their success. These challenges are particularly amplified for seniors, individuals with disabilities, and newcomers, leading to challenges like social isolation and mental health issues.

# **Our Goal:**

To build stronger, more connected communities by increasing access to essential resources and supports. We believe that resilience begins with investing in people, ensuring individuals and families have what they need to thrive. By working together, we create safe, inclusive, and vibrant communities where everyone has the opportunity to succeed.

# Immediate Needs & Support:

Many individuals and families in our community face urgent challenges that impact their daily lives whether it's food insecurity, housing instability, financial hardship, or limited access to services. By working with trusted partners, we help people get the support they need quickly, compassionately, and at the moment it matters most.





# **Our Partners:**

## **United Way Essential Services**

211 North Data Base

#### **SSM Innovation Centre**

Vulnerable Persons Registry (Sault Ste. Marie Program & District Program)

## Ken Brown Recovery Home

Recovery Program

#### **Women in Crisis**

Safety and Education for Women Fleeing Intimate Partner Violence

#### **YMCA**

Strong Communities Connection

## **Harvest Algoma**

Food Resource Centre

## **Hope Air**

SSM & Algoma District patients medical travel

#### Sault Search and Rescue

Search and Rescue

