

Helping Kids Be All That They Can Be

Big Brothers Big Sisters of SSM

BIG FIT Program

The BIG FIT program gives Big Brother Big Sister matches access to health and wellness opportunities that support both mentors and youth. By providing resources for visits and encouraging personal fitness, mental health, and well-being, the program helps strengthen relationships and build healthier futures for the kids they serve.



Camp McDougall, District Program

Camp McDougall

United Way funding helps ensure no child misses out on the experience of Camp McDougall because of financial barriers. By subsidizing registration costs, United Way makes it possible for more children to build confidence, friendships, and lifelong memories in a safe and welcoming environment.



155 Royal Canadian Air Cadet

Cadet Program

The Royal Canadian Air Cadets program is free and open to all youth ages 13 to 18. It provides a safe, inclusive space where young people can connect, build friendships, and develop leadership and teamwork skills. Cadets also have the chance to take part in summer training and apply for staff roles that build confidence and responsibility.



United Way Sault Ste. Marie & Algoma District Initiatives

Backpacks for Success

Backpacks for Success is an annual fundraiser that equips students from kindergarten to grade 12 with backpacks full of essential school supplies. The program helps ensure every child starts the school year prepared and confident, no matter their financial situation.

Robert (Bob) Wilding Bursary

The United Way Sault Ste. Marie & Algoma District bursary program for Sault College students is now proudly named the Robert (Bob) Wilding Bursary Program. This fund supports students by helping remove financial barriers to post-secondary education. United Way is honoured to recognize Bob's lasting dedication to our organization and his commitment to the future of our community.



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Havest Algoma

Food Resource Center

Harvest Algoma gathers fresh, nutritious food from local farmers, donors, and partners and distributes it through food banks, agencies and community programs. In addition to food access, they offer cooking classes, gardening workshops and nutrition education to help people build practical skills for healthier, more self-sufficient lives.



Hope Air

SSM & Algoma District Patients Medical Travel

Hope Air helps patients in Sault Ste. Marie and the Algoma District get to life-saving medical appointments by covering travel costs for those who can't afford it. Their support ensures that distance and financial barriers don't stand in the way of critical care.

Ken Brown Recovery Home Recovery Program

The Recovery Program helps individuals build a strong foundation for lasting recovery by offering the support, structure and tools needed to overcome addiction. It empowers people to rebuild their lives and move forward with stability, dignity and hope.



Sault Search & Rescue Search & Rescue

The Sault Search & Rescue program provides Search & Rescue to the community of Sault Ste. Marie and the surrounding district. It is an organization of trained personnel that responds to lost people, medical assistance, persons in distress, marine incidents and air incidents. In addition, they provide safety supports for many community events.

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Vulnerable Persons Registry (VPR) Sault Ste. Marie Program

The Vulnerable Persons Registry (VPR) provides updated information each month to local first responders to help them respond quickly and effectively during emergencies like power outages, home crises, or large-scale disasters. The program also includes an educational component that promotes personal emergency preparedness and connects registrants with additional community resources and support.



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211

211 is a free, confidential, 24/7 information and referral service that helps people navigate the complex network of community, social, health and government services. It is available by phone (dial 2-1-1), online at 211Ontario.ca, or by text and live chat. United Way Sault Ste. Marie & Algoma District is a key supporter and promoter of the 211 service.



YMCA

YMCA Building Stronger Communities

YMCA Building Stronger Communities gives deserving families and individuals access to wellness programs, youth activities, and other YMCA services. By removing financial barriers, the program helps more people stay active, connected and supported in their overall well-being.



Women In Crisis (WIC)

Safety & Education for Women Fleeing IPV program

Women In Crisis plays a vital role in supporting women fleeing abuse and violence. By providing each woman with a copy of "When Love Hurts" WIC equips them with essential knowledge about Intimate Partner Violence and its various forms. In addition to the educational aspect, WIC recognizes the importance of safety. For women who can remain in their home but feel unsafe due to the presence of an ex-partner, WIC provides safety devices to enhance their security. This allows women and children to maintain living situations while feeling protected.

Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre

Vulnerable Persons Registry (VPR), District Program

The Vulnerable Persons Registry supplies key information to local first responders monthly. This timely access to updated information supports the development of effective responses during emergencies such as power outages, home crises, and large-scale disasters. The VPR also includes an educational component to promote personal emergency preparedness and provides registrants with additional community resources and support.



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Canadian Mental Health Association

Walk-In Counselling

Walk-In Counselling offers free, confidential single-session support for individuals who don't have access to government-funded programs, insurance, or private counselling services. Participants receive immediate support from a professional counsellor and are also connected with information about other available services in the community.



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Funded Partners

Pauline's Place

Warmer Days Program

The Warmer Days Program provides food, shelter, and essential items to individuals accessing Pauline's Place Emergency Shelter. As colder weather approaches, the program ensures people have warm clothing, blankets, and other basic necessities to stay safe and cared for.



Grocer 4 Good

Monday Meals

The Monday Meals initiative by Grocer 4 Good helps address food insecurity while also providing job-skill training for neurodiverse young adults and those facing mental health challenges. Participants gain hands-on work experience and build confidence in a supportive environment, all while giving back to the community through meaningful service.

Canadian Hearing Society

General Support Services (GSS)

GSS supports Deaf and hard of hearing individuals in Sault Ste. Marie and the Algoma region through case management, system navigation, information, and advocacy. The program focuses on short-term crisis intervention to help address housing, legal, financial, health care, employment, and social benefit challenges. CHS also offers webinars in both English and ASL, ensuring people can access important information in their preferred language.



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United Way Sault Ste. Marie & Algoma District *Community Assistance Trust (CAT)*

Community Assistance Trust provides emergency financial support as a last resort to individuals facing unexpected hardship. Help is available for emergency assistance in an unforeseen circumstance such as rental arrears, utility bills, emergency dental care (such as extractions and fillings), and prescription eyeglasses. The program offers a safety net when people need it most.



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Funded Partners & Initiatives

United Way Sault Ste. Marie & Algoma District *Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP)*

A free income tax preparation service for low-income individuals and families. This program is run in partnership with trained volunteers who help ensure community members receive the benefits and credits they are entitled to.



United Way Sault Ste. Marie & Algoma District *Northern Health Travel Grant*

The Northern Health Travel Grant is a provincial program that helps Northern Ontario residents cover travel costs for medically necessary specialist care not available in their home community. United Way Sault Ste. Marie & Algoma District supports this program by advancing travel and accommodation expenses for eligible clients, ensuring they can access the care they need without delay.

United Way Sault Ste. Marie & Algoma District *Initiative*

Period Promise

This initiative collects and distributes menstrual hygiene products to individuals who can't afford them, helping to reduce the stigma and barriers caused by period poverty. By ensuring access to these essential items, the program supports dignity, health, and inclusion in our community.



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