

Morrison County United Way Newsletter



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ALL YOU NEED IS "CARE"

Executive Director, Meghann Boser

I joined Morrison County United Way (MCUW) in May of 2020. Earlier in the year I was part of a layoff at Gannett. Right after being laid-off, the world suddenly changed with COVID-19. The Executive Director position at MCUW became an opportunity that I couldn't pass up and one I am so grateful to have found.

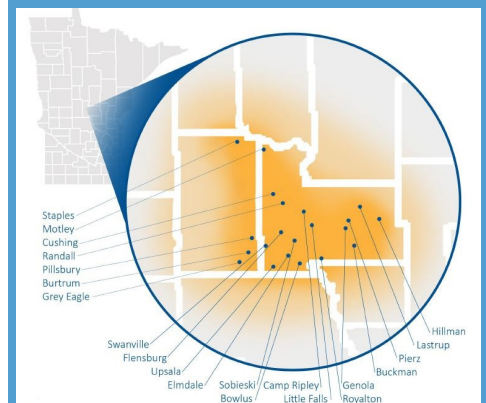
I am driven by the MCUW mission "to increase the organized capacity of people to care for one another". The mission hit me hard as it felt like a time in life where we needed more **"care"**. I have lived in Morrison County most of my life and to be able to show care in a community that I love is so great! In my first year we have provided funding for Imagination Library books for nearly 900 kids, our Tools for School program even provided mittens for kids in need. We worked with Moments Hospice to provide items to the Little Falls Food Shelf and provided funds for 10 non-profits in Morrison County when they were most needed. We provided administrative help for distribution of the CARES non-profit assistance funding which among other things was able to help 3 groups of Morrison County First Responders get LUCAS devices and we worked with Congressman Pete Stauber to bring Library of Congress books to our area. That's a whole lot of **"care"**.

It's been wonderful being a part of this organization. There is no way I could have done any of this alone - our board, donors, volunteers and community partners have shown me so much of their **"care"** and I'm beyond grateful!

It's amazing to see what we can do when we LIVE UNITED.

MCUW SERVICE AREA:

All of Morrison County and parts of Todd County



A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

MCUW Board President Doug Dahlberg

United Way, like many non-profits in the last two years, has been challenged as our world shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As we slowly begin returning to normal and work through the challenges that the new “normal” presents, I hope you will continue to support Morrison County United Way. MCUW is amazing and continues to answer the call of those in need within our community. Without your time and talents, it would be impossible for us to “Live United.”

OUR PROGRAMS, YOUR IMPACT

Imagination Library is one of our signature programs. Here's a look at the program by the numbers:

- **1 child age birth to 5 years receives 1 book each month for a cost of about \$36 per year**
- **We've had 850-890 children from Morrison and parts of Todd County (our service area) enrolled in the Imagination Library program each month in 2020-2021!**

Thanks to groups such as Lions Clubs across Morrison County, American Legion Clubs, Little Falls Exchange Club and many, many individual donors and businesses we are able to keep this program in Morrison County! Our goal is to continue to support this program without having to turn away or put a cap on the number we can enroll.

THANK YOU CORNER

On Friday, July 30th we held the MCUW Bean Bag Tournament fundraiser at the Morrison County Fair. We would like to thank our sponsors, especially our main sponsor Minnesota Power for helping us make this a successful event. It was a fun evening! We would also like to thank everyone who came out and played in the tournament, those who volunteered, donated prizes and made the evening a success. A big thank you to the Morrison County Fair for all they did to make it a fun night.

Thank you to everyone involved with this event.

We will see you next year!

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