Morrison County United Way Newsletter

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SPRING IS IN THE AIR

Executive Director, Meghann Boser

We were so excited to bring Bunny Bingo back to Morrison County in 2023! It sort of felt like the first sign of spring (we'll take any sign of spring at this point!). If you were able to join us at the Falls Ballroom on April 1st, we appreciate your support and hope you and your family enjoyed the event!

The 2022 campaign - which is when we fundraise in order to support programs in the upcoming year - came to an end in January. Our campaign season runs from Mid-September through December and then we finalize everything by January. We also had our Allocations Night at the end of January and had 11 applicants asking for funding. That is up 3 year over year. In February, we had our 3rd annual Sweethearts Dinner fundraiser (BIG thank you to Coborn's in Little Falls and the team in the Meat Department for all of their work on this fundraiser). This year we sold 58 steak and lobster dinners, our best year so far!

The work we are doing was recognized on a federal level with support of Congressionally Directed Spending of \$14,000 being awarded to the Imagination Library program. This program is our top priority and serves about 945 children each month. We also added 2 zip codes to our service area for this program: Browerville and Eagle Bend. That means we now serve all of Morrison County and 6 zip codes in Todd County!

We are so grateful for the community's support and how we have all worked together to keep MCUW and our programs strong. Thank you!

2023 BOARD MEMBERS:

TJ Hoheisel - President Brad Vold - Vice President Jana Festler - Past President Shelly Kircher - Treasurer Bonnie Bachan - Secretary

Matt Heier Samantha Hofer Jeremy Hoffman Stephanie Silgiord Melissa Tschida Dr. Kristine Wehrkamp

Interested in being on the board? Let us know!

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

MEET OUR PRESIDENT

MCUW Board President TJ Hoheisel



This April, TJ Hoheisel starts his one year term as Morrison County United Way President. This will be TJ's 4th year on the MCUW board & he is thrilled to continue to "Live United" with our partners in Morrison County.

This year MCUW was able to allocate \$28,500 to different agencies in our county. This is an increase from the previous year thanks to all our partners, fundraisers, and the community!

TJ is a REALTOR at Edina Realty, a licensed Auctioneer at Hoheisel Auction Service, and enjoys coaching youth football in Pierz.

2023 NON-PROFIT PARTNERS

Your dollars make a difference in our community! Each year we provide grant money to non-profits serving our area.

This year we have 11 non-profits that we will support with \$28,500 in funds:

- <u>Education</u>: Central Minnesota Foster Grandparents, Great River Arts Association, Kinship of Morrison County, Hands of Hope, Morrison County Family Connections
- Health: Horizon Health, LSS Senior Meals, Morrison County Chaplaincy
- Income: Employment Enterprises, Habitat for Humanity,
 Oasis of Central Minnesota

FUNDRAISERS

- June 23rd: Bean Bag Tournament at the Morrison County Fair starting at 6pm - cash prizes
- October 13th: Carbles Tournament at the Sobieski Community Center doors open at 5:30pm - cash prizes

SPEAKING EVENTS

Now is a great time to line us up to come in and speak to your group or organization. We love this opportunity to learn about your organization and to talk about MCUW.

Call Meghann to arrange a date and time:

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