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the COMMUNITY CIRCLE

Monthly newsletter brought to you by United Way of Washington County-East



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hello & welcome

We are excited that you are here!

Whether you follow United Way of Washington County-East on our social channels or it's your first time reading our newsletter, either way we have some **SUPER exciting news and happenings to share with you!**

As you know the United Way of Washington County-East focuses on four impact areas including; *Youth, Health, Basic Needs, and Self-Sufficiency* - uniting our community to build a better life. Month to month we are working to continue our vision and mission that support the community we serve. Again, we are so excited that you are here, so grab a pen and paper because you'll definitely want to jot some things down as you read through.

Also for weekly updates or to start a conversation with us, follow us on our social channels.



Shout it Out Stillwater

We are so thankful to the Stillwater Rotary Club for selecting us as the nonprofit recipient of this year's Shout it Out Stillwater event!

The evening was so much fun! We enjoyed appetizers, drinks, mingling with community members, *Plinko* and Sweet Keys Dueling Pianos played all night long! We even struck a pose in their photo booth area and put our luck in the raffle drawings.

Kristin Kroll, UWWCE Executive Director, spoke on behalf of the organization. Money raised at the event helped fund mental health support in our community. Thank you again to all those who attended and to the Stillwater Rotary Club for selecting us!



"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

Youth United Empty Bowls

Thank you to everyone that supported the Youth United in their mission to raise donations for their grant program and also bringing awareness to hunger in our community. The soup was delicious and pottery was in abundance, our hope is that you enjoyed the evening as much as we did!

Together the youth raised ~\$2,350 through tickets, pottery sales, and monetary donations! That deserves a round of applause!

HUGE thank you to our sponsors

Leo's Grill & Malt Shop - Mad Capper - The Dock Stillwater
Lunds & Byerlys - Water Street Inn - Kwik Trip - Cub
Brookside Bar & Grill - Brines Market & Deli
Marine General Store - Lake Elmo Inn & Event Center
Acapulco Mexican Restaurant - Kowalski's Market



Community Investment Volunteer Opportunity

We are seeking volunteers to participate in our 2024 Community Investment Panel.

As a volunteer on the CI Panel you will participate in making important and often difficult decisions regarding grant applications. Each volunteer is provided with agency applications and will be assigned to one of four panels: *Youth, Health, Basic Needs, and Self-Sufficiency*. To support and mentor those volunteers the panels will be led by an experienced United Way Board Member or volunteer who will guide the group in reviewing applications and come to consensus on funding recommendations for our partners.

We are dedicated to fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion in all we do as we strive for a vibrant and equitable community. As a member of our community, your input and involvement are valued!

Being a volunteer does require attendance at two Group Meetings held at Andersen Corporation
5909 Omaha Avenue N.,
Oak Park Heights, MN 55082

- Tuesday, May 14th - 5:30pm to 8:00pm
- Tuesday, June 18th - 5:30pm to 8:00pm

Along with two agency visits in between those meetings.

To get involved, click the button below to download the volunteer form. Please fill out and return the by mail or email to lois@uwwce.org by **April 12th, 2024**.

[CLICK HERE](#)

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Truly a great way to fully understand
the need within our community.

– Roger Smith
Previous CI Volunteer





welcome TO THE TEAM

United Way of Washington County-East

Erin McQuay (she/her)

Individual Giving Manager

Erin isn't just a professional fundraiser; she's a passionate advocate for causes close to her heart. Erin has dedicated her career to connecting donors with impactful opportunities to make a difference.

Beyond her professional endeavors, Erin is a dedicated mother to three wonderfully active kids, shares her life with a husband, and a house filled with companions, dog Gladys, cat ZuZu, even a fish! A life-long Minnesotan, Erin embraces the unique beauty of her home state, finding inspiration in its changing seasons and close-knit communities.

When she's not busy fundraising or tending to her family, Erin enjoys exploring the great outdoors, indulging in her love for gardening, and immersing herself in a good book.



Sarah Mulford (she/her)

Marketing & Communications Manager

Sarah joins the UWWCE with a background in the newspaper industry and as the owner of her business, Mulford Designs. Since 2019 when she started her business she has held numerous types of clients – so much so that she has been able to find her true niche. That niche is to help small business owners, entrepreneurs, and nonprofits to achieve their goals through marketing and design.

During her free time she enjoys spending time on the North Shore camping and hiking, reading, gardening, spending time with her two cats, and doing life with her wife, Jess.





Diamond Level



Platinum Level



Gold Level



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Diamond Jubilee

Happening Friday, April 19th this premier event is being held in celebration of the 75th Anniversary of The United Way of Washington County-East!

The event promises to feature a diamond level experience in recognition of the longevity of the organization and the deep community support.

We are still in awe that we sold out tickets, however if you are interested in joining our waitlist we encourage you to email erin.mcquay@uwwce.org.

As always you can support this monumental evening by donating or becoming a sponsor. Please email kelly.stenerson@uwwce.org for sponsorship opportunities.



Thank you to our 2024 Sponsors!

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save THESE DATES!

Mark your calendars for upcoming United Way of Washington County-East events!

SAVE THE DATE

THIRD ANNUAL ONE-DAY FISHING TOURNAMENT
HOSTED BY UNITED WAY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY-EAST

June 8, 2024

6:30AM - 2:00PM
ST. CROIX RIVER



SAVE THE DATE

JULY - AUGUST 2024

STUFF THE BUS

Join us for another year of Stuff the Bus, along with Community Thread, recognize the importance of helping all kids succeed by providing them with the essentials tools needed to start the year off right in class. More details to come!

651.439.3838
www.uwwce.org/stuff-the-bus





United Way of Washington County-East

MISSION

Through trusted relationships, generated resources and effectively distribute funds to unite and strengthen our community.

VISION

Create new ways to develop an empathetic and engaged community and generate abundant resources to meet or exceed our local community needs

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION STATEMENT

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