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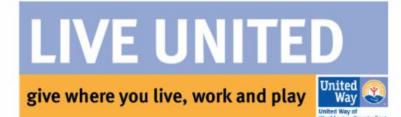
Donate school supplies for students in the Stillwater Area School District from July 9-August 3 at various locations throughout the Stillwater Community. For more information contact Jennifer Kmecik at Jennifer@CommunityThreadMN.org or visit our website at www.uwwce.org











SAVE THE DATE!

September 11th 7:30am -9:00am

Lake Elmo Inn Event Center

Learn how to respond to our community needs, while supporting your local United Way through giving and volunteering

> Space is limited! **RSVP by August 31st** Individual Tickets: **\$30** Event Sponsor (2 tables of 9 and special event recognition): **\$600** Table Sponsor (9 seats per table): **\$300**

At United Way of Washington County-East, our mission is to unite our community and local resources to give each person the opportunity to build a better life.

For more information visit our website at <u>www.uwwce.org</u> or contact Lauren at <u>Laurens@uwwce.org</u>

We are so proud of our Youth United Way Group!

Youth United Way is constantly impressing us with all of their hard work and dedication. June 5, they were recognized for their work to support the local community and received an honorable mention in the annual Student United Way awards competition hosted by United Way Worldwide. Youth United received the honor for their work in support of Empty Bowls Dinner- an event to raise money for local hunger

programs. The 25-member group raised more than \$2,700 at the event and helped educate the community about hunger.

"We are so proud of our Youth United, here at our local United Way. This group of young students really understand the culture of philanthropy and the importance of taking the time to give back in a meaningful way for the betterment of their community."

- Jessica Ryan, Executive Director, United Way of Washington County East

THANK YOU Youth United Way, for all the hard work you continue to do.

To learn more about the Youth United group at United Way of Washington County East, visit www.uwwce.org.



MEET OUR STAFF!

Lou Engwer Office Volunteer

Lou Engwer has been a volunteer with UWWCE since the fall of 2009. She brings with her almost 20 years of banking experience. She has helped with many UWWCE events, mailings, organizing agency paperwork and just about anything else that is asked of her. Lou has been a Stillwater resident since 1980 and raised her daughter here. She has volunteered with many other organizations in the community before coming to the UWWCE office. She enjoys golfing, reading, playing almost any game, puzzles, the MN Vikings, and her family. She loves living in Lake Elmo with her husband Scott of 15 years. They have 5 children together and 10 grandchildren.

We're so appreciative for everything Lou does! She is a great volunteer!

Agency Spotlight - Hope House



Hope House of St. Croix Valley was founded in 1991 by two St. Croix Valley residents. Their research on AIDS housing found that people living with AIDS were an almost invisible group receiving the least amount of services in Washington County and that Minnesotans with AIDS had few housing opportunities. The Mission of Hope House of St. Croix Valley is to provide a nonjudgmental home with compassionate care that respects the dignity of people with HIV/AIDS. Incorporated as a 501 c3 in 1991, Hope House welcomed its first client in December 1993. Since 1993 Hope House has provided a safe home for 86 individuals living with HIV who could no longer independently.

The only requirement to become a resident at Hope House is if you are HIV positive. Age, gender, income requirements nor ethnicity play a role in determining your eligibility. Hope House serves primarily individuals who are low-income and who may be at risk for a nursing home placement or who are at risk of homelessness.

Hope House is formally involved in multiple projects to end new HIV infections and serve individuals living with HIV/AIDS in Minnesota. Hope House currently collaborates with Clare Housing, Minnesota AIDS Project, Rural AIDS Action Network, African American AIDS Task Force, Hennepin County Positive Care Center, Minnesota Department of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, ARRM, Youth Services Bureau, and the Washington County Department of Human Services.

Hope House provides a 24 hour 7 day a week awake environment for residents with a variety of health needs as a result of HIV disease. It's not a surprise that after a few months at Hope House, resident's health outcomes improve and residents begin to reengage in life, regain their independence which positively improves their overall quality of life. The future focus of Hope House as an agency is to provide an environment where clients have improved personal health outcomes which can be correlated to increased independence and a higher quality of life.

http://www.hopehousescv.org/

Join Hope House on June 20th for an Open House - located at 451 Everett Street North, from 11-1pm, to celebrate Hope House's 25th anniversary serving people living with HIV, and Forward Promotions new membership into the Stillwater Chamber!

Stop by, enjoy lunch and mingle with the staff of Forward Promotions and Hope House. Hope to see you on the 20th!!



Fare For All - Food That Makes Cents

FARE FOR ALL HAS A NEW LOCATION!! Community Thread in Stillwater

Fare For All is a cooperative food buying program. As more people participate in the program, better prices are secured from wholesalers. So the more people participate the better the deals. Fare For All offers healthy foods at a discounted price. Packages of fruit, vegetables, and frozen meats can be purchased for up to 40% off retail prices.

This discounted shopping program is open to everyone. Just come to shop. No preregistration, registration or identification required. Fare For All accepts cash, credit, debit and EBT cards.



Fare For All will be hosted Tuesday, June 19th from 4:00 - 6:00 pm at Community Thread

If you are interested in making a donation to United Way of Washington County East, please click <u>here</u>

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