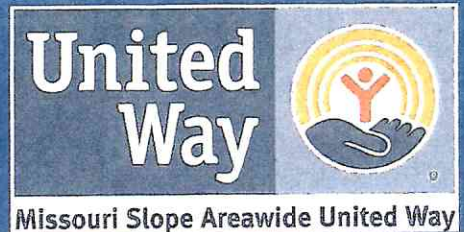


UNITED WAY'S CENTER FOR OPPORTUNITY

VISION: A solution for a permanent homeless shelter and coordinated services that will create a pathway out of poverty.



OUTCOMES:

- Provides a solution for 10 of the 17 needs identified within the update to the 10 year plan to end homelessness
 - Lack of shelter for families with fathers
 - Adults discharged from prison/jail/correctional facilities into homelessness
 - Individuals discharged from hospitals or treatment centers into homelessness
 - Lack of 24/7 access to shelter and supportive services
 - No daytime drop-in center
 - Transportation
 - Hunger
 - Case management services to support housing stability
 - Access to behavioral health treatment and services
 - Reliable data collection
- Provides a solution for a permanent homeless shelter for 50 of our most vulnerable population nightly
- Workforce development that has economic impact on the City of Bismarck
- Provides opportunity for medical respite
- Uplift a high-poverty neighborhood located in an opportunity zone
- Reduce duplication of services
- Transform lives
- Investing in results to build strong, vibrant communities



Reduce Barriers to Self-Sufficiency:

- Childcare Assistance
- ID Assistance
- Transportation

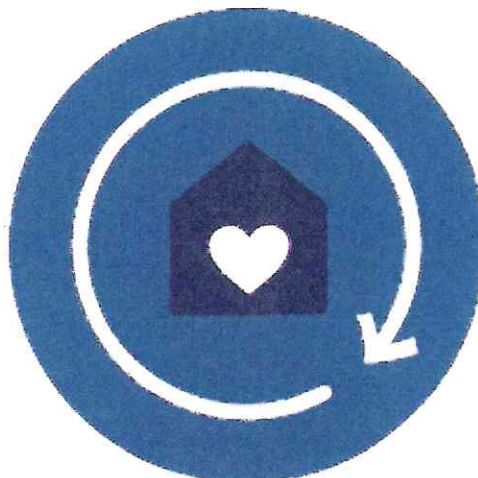


Foster Sense of Community:

- Community Meals
- Relationship Building
- Safe Places

Basic Needs:

- Safety
- Warmth
- Hunger
- Winter Gear
- Shoes, Work Boots



Self-Fulfillment:

- Parenting Classes
- Financial Literacy
- Early Childhood Programs
- Workforce Development
- Mentoring



Housing Stability:

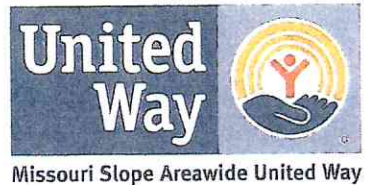
- Assessments • Rental Assistance
- Housing Navigator
- Case Management to Retain Housing
- Coordinate & Navigate Mainstream Services



Health:

- Outreach • Preventative Services
- Mental Health
- Scholarships and Transportation to the YMCA
- Medical Respite

COST SAVINGS TO THE COMMUNITY:



Financial Cost

- A chronically homeless person costs a taxpayer on average of **\$35,578 per year**. Providing them housing costs **\$10,051 per year**.

Criminal Justice System

- People who are homeless, particularly during the winter months, spend more time in jail or prison than the general population due to violations of quality-of-life crimes, resulting from their homelessness.
- The Bismarck Police Department estimates more than **\$200,000/year** on service calls related to intoxication management alone. Without a homeless shelter, police calls would increase dramatically.
- Bismarck would see an increase in non-violent crimes, such as break-ins to vehicles, storage units, businesses, and apartment buildings.

Health Care System

- The homeless population are frequent users of public and medical services, specifically emergency room visits and inpatient bed use. When that high level of care is not required, there is no where safe for discharge.
- The Medical Respite Program in Grand Forks saved **\$940,470** in less than one year by providing **2,726 days** of care.
- **Nearly one-third** of all visits to the emergency room are made by people struggling with chronic homelessness.

Environmental Impact

- Trash, human waste, and other litter from homeless encampments pollute waterways and public spaces.
- The city of Houston spends at least **\$120,000 annually** on a "hazmat sweeping," clearing garbage and waste from an area where 20 homeless people sleep.
- Providing a safe, one-stop-shop, will clean up community parks and save parks & recreation.
- Tourism is impacted by homelessness.
- Local businesses are impacted by declining land values.

Prevention

- High return on investment for early childhood programs. For example, the National Forum on Early Childhood Policy and Programs have found that high-quality early childhood programs can yield a **\$4-\$9 return per \$1 invested**. A high-quality program for 3-5 year olds estimated a return to society of between **\$7-\$13 for each \$1 invested**.

NEEDS:

HUNGER

- **1 in 5** children locally are food insecure
- **292** weekly backpacks are delivered to Myhre, Moses, and Wachter schools on the weekends

HOMELESSNESS

- An average of **50 men, women, and children** are sheltered each night at United Way's Emergency Shelter
- More than **76%** of clients are from North Dakota
- Roughly **45%** suffer from a mental illness

PAROLE/PROBATION

- An average of **31%** of clients are referred to the shelter by jail/corrections and/or are under active supervision of a parole officer

MEDICAL RESPITE

- Local hospitals report that they are overflowing with patients and often have to send people to Fargo or Grand Forks because of lack of space
- They are often unable to discharge homeless clients who may not need to be hospitalized but may be too frail to recover from illness/surgery or may need aftercare

Bismarck Public Schools

- Only **35%** of local youth feel they have a positive adult role model