

2009 Partner Programs and Funded Agencies

United Way is committed to working with all of our partners to create opportunities for a better life for everyone. We focus our efforts on programs that address the important issues of education, income, and health.

Programs are listed alphabetically followed by their designation code:

- 4-H Summer Club- 1101** Marathon County 4-H
This program serves youth in the low income and culturally diverse neighborhoods in Marathon County, reaching 3rd through 5th grade youth in Wausau.
- Abuse in Later Life Program- 1286** The Women's Community
This program offers individual counseling, support group, legal, medical and personal advocacy, and information and referral for victims of domestic abuse/sexual assault who are over fifty.
- Adult Education Program- 1153** The Neighbors' Place
Practical cultural literacy program teaches English to limited English speaking people, and offers experiential learning, access to a wide variety of professionals and on-site tutoring.
- Armed Forces Emergency Services- 1024** The American Red Cross
This worldwide emergency communications service operates 24 hours a day. Access to emergency financial assistance for active duty military and their families via military aid societies.
- Arts Program- 1323** Boys & Girls Club - Wausau Area
- 1326 Boys & Girls Club – South Metro Area
Youth grades 5-12 can try a range of art and music activities, develop new skills, and express themselves creatively through drop-in and structured activities.
- Birth Parent Counseling Program- 1124** Lutheran Social Services of WI & Upper Michigan
This program offers free counseling, information about options, a personalized adoption plan, referrals to community resources and community education on adoption.
- Bullying is NEVER Cool!- 1304** YWCA
A bullying prevention program for elementary school students in Marathon County. The program teaches children how to deal with bullying behaviors, how to stand up for victims of bullying, and how to make a difference in their schools.
- Child Care Information and Referral - 1061** Child Care Connection
To improve the child care systems, this program connects families with child care services, develops professionals caring for children and collects child care data impacting our communities.
- Child Care Outreach Project- 1073** Children's Service Society of Wisconsin
Free service for childcare providers to improve the quality of activities and increase parental involvement. Program includes in-home visits and group training for all providers—relative, neighbor, regulated or unregulated.
- Child Care Sliding Fee Program- 1271** Wausau Child Care
Centers offer affordable, sliding fee scale, high quality child care with curriculum driven programming for moderate and low income parents.
- Child Care Sliding Fee Program- 1293** Woodson YMCA-Aspirus Branch
The Aspirus YMCA offers quality childcare programs through full-time licensed care, preschool and before and afterschool care. A limited sliding fee scale is available.
- Child Development Center Sliding Fee Program- 1303** YWCA
This program offers full-time, part-time and flexible care for children ages 2-12. After school, summer school and a 4-K program are also available.
- Children Exposed to Violence- 1287** The Women's Community
Access to a mental health therapist on site, free of charge to families. The therapist and Children's Advocate co-facilitate a support group for children. Group activities promote coping skills and increase self-esteem.
- Child Sexual Abuse Education- 1285** The Women's Community
Free, confidential support, legal, medical and personal advocacy, information, referral, and a 24-hour phone line is offered to children and their families. Community education prevention program is available.
- CHOICES- 1095** Family Counseling Services
An intensive outpatient substance abuse program serving adolescents. Services include assessment, education, twice weekly group therapy, family group therapy and aftercare.

- Community Disaster Emergency Preparation- 1026** The American Red Cross
Free educational programs and materials provided to individuals, schools, groups and organizations to help people prevent, prepare for and respond to disasters and emergency situations. Topics include: Fire safety and prevention, severe weather, and disaster preparedness.
- Community Health and Safety Education- 1021** The American Red Cross
Courses are provided in first aid, CPR, Babysitter Training, Lifeguard, AED, Water Safety, Bloodborne Pathogen Training, Family Caregiving, Work-place Training, and community safety education programs.
- Community Outreach Program- 1152** The Neighbors' Place
This program helps people become better neighbors by providing information, access, and support in such areas as housing, health, safety, community referrals, volunteer service opportunities and and local government.
- Community and School Based Mentoring- 1031** Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northcentral WI
Through Community and School Based Programs, children are placed in one-to-one mentoring relationships with positive role models who provide companionship, friendship, guidance and support.
- Community Youth Center- 1331** Spencer Kids Group
Spencer Kids Group is a youth center providing supervised activities with a gymnasium, computer room, lounge, homework program and kitchen in Spencer.
- Direct Client Services- 1081** Epilepsy Foundation of Central and Northeast Wisconsin
This program promotes health, independence and opportunity for children and adults with seizure disorders by providing case management, support groups, advocacy and education training.
- Diversity Camp- 1305** YWCA
A program offered to area 7th graders to help expand their knowledge, appreciation and acceptance of cultures and individuals who differ from themselves
- Domestic Abuse Program- 1282** The Women's Community
Offers crisis intervention, support services, legal advocacy, housing assistance, food pantry, 24 hour shelter and crisis line to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- Domestic Violence Intervention Project- 1341** Wisconsin Judicare
Provides free legal services to low-income victims of domestic violence through outreach, telephone advice and free legal representation by Judicare attorneys or private attorneys.
- Drug and Alcohol Treatment- 1094** Family Counseling Services
Addiction assessment, counseling and aftercare are provided to adults addicted to alcohol, drugs, gambling, food, etc., and for affected family members through individual and group therapy.
- Emergency Assistance Program- 1191** The Salvation Army
Marathon County residents are provided with material assistance, including food, clothing, and limited rent and utility assistance to help prevent homelessness. Disaster services are also provided.
- Emergency Disaster Relief- 1025** The American Red Cross
Addressing disaster caused emergency needs of individuals and families in the form of shelter, food, clothing, and other immediate needs.
- Emergency Housing Assistance Fund- 1501** North Central Community Action Program
EHAF is a multi-agency collaborative effort that provides housing payment assistance to county residents for the sole purpose of ending or preventing homelessness.
- Every Youth Counts- 1202** Samoset Council Boy Scouts
The Every Youth Counts Program focuses on targeted Samoset Scouting traditional units where there is a higher likelihood that children at-risk are being served.
- Family Resource Centers- 1071** Children's Service Society of Wisconsin
Wausau -1071/Spencer -1075/Stratford -1076
Resource Centers provide parenting information and support in both a group setting or in family homes. The program is free to all families.
- Family/Special Needs Adult Sliding Fee Membership- Wausau -1291/Aspirus -1292** Woodson YMCA – Wausau and Aspirus Branches
Provides memberships for low-income families, adults, and adults with special needs, to promote a healthy lifestyle to at-risk people in Marathon County.
- Family Strengthening: Focus on Education- 1264** Wausau Area Hmong Mutual Association
Provides individual and group counseling and education on issues relative to family functioning, education opportunities, and obtaining socio-economic success for Hmong and other Southeast Asian families.
- Feeding Program-1193** The Salvation Army
Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday to anyone needing a nutritious meal in a safe environment. No sign-in is required.
- Food Pantry- 1154** The Neighbors' Place
Serves over 250 families every week; over 1000 different families every month. It is the site of the "Commodity Program" for Marathon County, and is open Monday-Friday.
- General Emergency Assistance Fund- 1504** North Central Community Action Program
Emergency assistance payments may be provided for income eligible persons to meet their shelter, housing, transportation and other needs. Assistance is provided through a multi-agency collaborative effort.

- Girl Scout – Traditional Troop- 1041** Girls Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes
Traditional troop activities engage girls in discovering themselves, connecting with others, and taking action to make the world a better place.
- Health Screening Clinics- 1023** The American Red Cross
Registered nurses provide free blood pressure screening, minimal fee blood glucose screening, and health and safety information at 20 locations throughout Marathon County each month.
- Hmong Counseling-1078** Children’s Service Society of Wisconsin
Individual and/or family therapy is offered to treat Hmong adults and children with mental health disorders and help with cultural issues.
- Homeless Shelter Program- 1194** The Salvation Army
Homeless men, women and families are helped to achieve permanent housing by utilizing case management and other on-site programs. Basic needs are provided for all shelter residents.
- Learn, Lead, Succeed- 1324** Boys & Girls Club - Wausau Area
Youth grades 5-12 get homework help, learn computer skills, participate in service and leadership opportunities, and explore career & post-secondary education options.
- Learn, Lead, Succeed- 1325** Boys & Girls Club – South Metro Area
Youth grades 5-12 get homework help, participate in service and leadership opportunities, and explore career & post-secondary education options.
- Learning for Life- 1203** Samoset Council Boy Scouts
Program helps youth develop social and life skills, formulate positive personal values and assists in character development. Currently offering six school-based and one worksite-based program.
- Mental Health Services- 1092** Family Counseling Services
Counselors offer individual, couple, and family counseling, group therapy and family mediation for adults, adolescents, and children experiencing depression, anxiety, trauma, loss, life adjustment and relationship stress.
- Mobile Meals- 1141** Mobile Meals
Mobile Meals provides balanced noon meals, Monday-Friday, to residents of any age who are unable to prepare meals for themselves in their homes.
- New Visions- 1043** Girls Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes
An outreach program for girls ages 10-17 in Marathon County Juvenile Facility secure detention and shelter home. Provides Girl Scouting year-round to girls in crisis.
- NTC Child Care Center Sliding Fee Program- 1306** YWCA
The Kanga Room is the YWCA’s child care center for children of Northcentral Technical College students and staff. It offers full-time, part-time flexible care for children ages 2-12.
- Outpatient Mental Health Counseling** Lutheran Social Services of WI & Upper Michigan
Counseling and mental health services are provided to individuals, couples, and families from throughout Marathon County.
- Ready to Read- 1312** United Way of Marathon County
To promote literacy and improve school readiness, new books are provided to children birth to 5 and parents learn the importance of reading to their children.
- Respite Care- 1234** Opportunity, Inc.
Respite care is provided for children with any disability at Tyler’s Home for Kids, Respite Activity Day (RAD) or as in-home respite. Tyler’s Home offers family case management services.
- Rise and Shine- 1042** Girls Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes
An in-school outreach program which provides access to Girl Scouting for girls Kindergarten-5th grade. Held once a week for 20-35 minutes includes community service projects.
- SAFE Domestic Violence Abusers’ Group- 1221** Peaceful Solutions Counseling
This group therapy program helps domestic violence abusers stop physical, sexual and emotional abuse of their intimate partner. The program addresses the underlying issues of the need to control an intimate partner and how to stop such behaviors as threats, intimidation, economic abuse, isolation, and coercion.
- Scoutreach Advancement Program- 1201** Samoset Council Boy Scouts
Offers weekly and monthly meetings, special events and camps that help boys develop skills in leadership, citizenship, and community service, in a safe, supervised and healthy environment.
- Sexual Assault Victim Services- 1284** The Women’s Community
Provides free, confidential support, legal, medical and personal advocacy, and information and referral services to people affected by sexual violence, community education and a 24 hour phone line.
- Southeast Asian Advocate Program- 1283** The Women’s Community
Offers crisis intervention with 24 hour access, emergency shelter, legal advocacy, transportation, support groups and interpretation/translation support to Southeast Asian victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- Specialized Transportation- 1233** Opportunity, Inc.
Affordable, flexible, life-equipped transportation is provided for individuals with any disability or the elderly in the Wausau metropolitan area including the Rib Mountain shopping area, Cedar Creek and Weston.

- Storefront Learning Center- 1502** North Central Community Action Program
Provides alternative educational services to at-risk youth to improve the skill levels of those who have had little or no success in traditional school settings.
- Storytellers Network- 1155** The Neighbors' Place
Storytellers provides weekly preschool activities to minority child care providers, along with workshops and education to improve in-home care programs.
- Stratford After School Program- 1161** Stratford School District
This program provides after school tutoring and recreation to youth in the Stratford area. High School students volunteer to work with younger children and offer not only assistance but positive role models.
- Studio 2B- 1044** Girls Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes
A girl designed youth program is available to girls ages 11-13. Girls pursue their interests with guidance from adult leaders.
- Transitional Living Program- 1281** The Women's Community
Long-term supportive services are provided to victims of domestic and sexual abuse, including legal/medical advocacy, support groups, one-on-one counseling, limited rental assistance, and job and housing searches.
- Transitions for Success: From SE Asia to the US- 1263** Wausau Area Hmong Mutual Assoc.
This program assists less westernized and limited English speaking Hmong and other Southeast Asian families in Marathon County in coping with life and accessing services.
- Tutoring: 2nd Language/Adult Literacy- 1361** Marathon County Literacy Council
Training for volunteers is provided to tutor adults and families in reading, writing or math. The Council offers flexible, one-on-one tutoring to adults.
- United Way's 2-1-1- 1311** United Way of Marathon County
Provides free, confidential information and referral and publishes several resources directories and guides. Call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or search for community services on-line.
- United Way Volunteer Connection- 1313** United Way of Marathon County
A direct and efficient service that connects volunteers to opportunities to serve, promotes opportunities for volunteerism, and links organizations with material needs to individuals and organizations with items to donate.
- Visitation Center- 1077** Children's Service Society of WI
The Visitation Center provides monitored exchanges and on-site visits designed for parents in need of a neutral, comfortable location to visit or transfer their children.
- Volunteer Services- 1051** Faith in Action
Volunteer services to help elderly and disabled individuals remain in their own homes, including transportation to appointments, light housekeeping, respite care, seasonal yard work, assistance with paperwork, and friendly visiting.
- Wausau Child and Family Counseling- 1072** Children's Service Society of WI
Individual and/or family therapy is available to treat mental health disorders, sexual and physical abuse victims, and help people deal with life transitions, i.e. divorce, step-parenting, etc.
- Wausau Fresh Start- 1265** Wausau Area Hmong Mutual Association
Offers employment training and alternative high school education opportunities, as well as life skill education for at risk youth and young adults through mentoring and work experience.
- Youth Development- 1192** The Salvation Army
At-risk youth and families are provided with a variety of opportunities to grow physically, mentally, academically, socially and spiritually in a safe, supervised environment.
- Youth Education Program- 1151** The Neighbors' Place
Working with elementary schools in Wausau, The Neighbor's Place provides after-school and summer enrichment programs to more than 100 students each week.