



Homelessness

United Way of Central Minnesota Goal: Reduce the impact of homelessness with a special focus on youth and families with children.

- Establish emergency housing options with supportive services for unaccompanied youth.
- Expand emergency, transitional or permanent supportive housing options and supportive services available, with a special focus on youth and families with children.
- Provide supportive services that prevent and/or decrease homelessness and length of homelessness to reduce reliance on existing service models.

Homelessness Key Initiatives



Community Investments

United Way of Central Minnesota invests in 10 community programs to help create positive results in the area of Homelessness.

Project Homeless Connect

United Way is leading the efforts for planning and securing resources and volunteers for Project Homeless Connect – expanding support and resources to support an annual event for individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at risk of being homeless. The purpose of the event is to gather as many providers in one place and help break down the barriers that lead to homelessness by connecting individuals and families to area resources.



St. Cloud State University Homeless Efforts

United Way partners with SCSU Social Work students to raise funds and awareness of the realities of youth and family homelessness in Central Minnesota. Some of these advocacy efforts include a coordinated march/rally, winter clothing drives at a SCSU hockey game, a conference focused on homelessness and open to the community, organized fundraising efforts, and the creation of Voices of Homelessness – a poster exhibit on the stories of homelessness in Central Minnesota.



Emergency Food & Shelter Program

United Way administers and coordinates the local Emergency Food & Shelter grant for a 3-county area. The local board helps distribute federal dollars allocated to help our community around the priorities of emergency rent and mortgage assistance and emergency shelter.