

Who is Affected by United Way? Everyone!

*****Also known as the Stand Up/Sit Down Game*****

This exercise is a good way to show that everyone benefits from a strong community, not only the poor, homeless, and less fortunate. Almost everyone has been touched by services funded through the Sioux Empire United Way, either as a recipient themselves, or through someone close to them.

Start the quiz by having everyone in the room stand up. As you read down the list, whoever can answer “yes” should sit down. More than likely, everyone in the room will be sitting before you are finished reading the list.

Have you or someone you’re close to (a family member, friend, or co-worker) ever:

- had a child receive books through Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library?
- been a Boy or Girl Scout?
- participated in an after-school program?
- been a mentor or Big Brother/Big Sister to a child?
- learned to swim through group lessons?
- needed day care for a child?
- had cancer?
- received Meals-on-Wheels?
- had a house fire?
- cared for an elderly parent or grandparent?
- participated in an activity or camp at the YMCA/YWCA?
- just needed someone to talk to on the phone?
- needed clothing or school supplies for school-age children?
- been in a flood or tornado?
- known a runaway kid?
- needed emergency shelter?

Even if you have not needed direct financial assistance from United Way, the program you have participated in may not exist without United Way support. For example, your daughter in Girl Scouts may not need financial assistance to be a member, but if United Way did not provide funding, it is possible that many of the girls in her troop would not be there. If United Way did not provide support for after-school programming, it is possible that the classmate sitting next to your child in school (or your child’s best friend) would be unsupervised after school each day. Many staff positions at agencies are funded by United Way, allowing programming to be available for all people regardless of ability to pay.