

Sioux Empire United Way Funded Programs

Active Generations

- BRIDGES Employment Resource Center —provides services to jobseekers that are over 50 years old, to assist them in their job search.
- Day Break — Social and health services are provided for adults who need supervised care in a safe place outside the home during the day
- Nutrition Services/Meals on Wheels — allows an older adult to maintain a healthy and independent lifestyle by providing the USDA requirements for their nutritional needs.
- Rural Seniors Program* — provides social/wellness opportunities for rural seniors.
- Workers on Wheels* — helps older adults who are unable to do household chores continue living independently in their homes by matching them with volunteers who complete light household chores and provide transportation.

American Cancer Society

- Patient Navigator Program — assists local patients and their families through patient service programs and equipment assistance.

Augustana College

- Augie Reads — an after school literacy program for English Language Learners that maximizes student learning by increasing engagement in the reading and writing process.

Avera McKennan

- Success by 6* — includes new parent resource packets, child temperament assessments, and other resources for families and new parents.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sioux Empire

- Amachi —matches at-risk youth who have an incarcerated parent with a mentor.
- Community Based Mentoring — matches at-risk youth with a caring adult volunteer role model, through community-based mentoring. Another component is the Mentor Mom program which matches young mothers with an older, more experienced volunteer parent.
- Native American Scholars — matches Native students with caring, consistent and positive role models. Using the Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring model, NAS volunteers provide positive encouragement and confidence for the Native mentees to graduate high school.

Boy Scouts of America, Sioux Council

- Juvenile Diversion — a program that works with first time juvenile offenders diverting them through a Teen Court or a Juvenile Diversion program.
- Scouting — provides character development, citizenship training and personal fitness to children from 1st grade through 19 years of age.
- ScoutReach — uses traditional scouting methods combined with a paid troop leader to reach youth that would not otherwise be involved with Boy Scouts.

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sioux Empire/Youth Enrichment Services

- Early Childhood Education — offers care and educational activities for children ages 3-5, when they enter kindergarten.
- Infant & Toddler Care — provides children a fun, safe, healthy, nurturing atmosphere for infants to two years old.

Bright Start Nurse Home Visitation Program

- Bright Start* — a preventative and intensive home visiting program for families with low resources.

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Carroll Institute

- Project Awareness — works to reduce and prevent substance abuse and bullying in the Sioux Empire schools through classroom guidance, individual and small group counseling, teacher-trainings, school-wide awareness efforts, and student-led prevention groups.

Children's Inn

- Crisis Intervention — provides immediate information and support to victims of violence and abuse through the crisis hotline, partnerships with police, partnerships with emergency room trauma teams, crisis childcare, court advocacy, and drop-in counseling.
- Crisis Shelter for Domestic Violence — offers women and children who are victims of violence a safe and secure emergency residence.
- Protection Orders — provides assistance to help file protection orders.

Community Outreach

- General Assistance and Project Jump Start — meets the basic human needs of low-income people by providing short-term financial assistance. A large part of the assistance provided goes toward rent, utility assistance, and security deposits for housing needs. Offers a 30 minute interview with each person to gain insight into need (s), create a basic budget, and provide referrals to other agencies.
- Genesis* — partners with the local faith community, service organizations, and businesses in engaging the community to provide homeless and at-risk of becoming homeless families and individuals with opportunities to achieve safe and permanent housing. Mentoring teams work closely with participants to develop encouraging relationships, share life skills, and provide housing related financial assistance.

Connecting Kids

- Connecting Kids* — provides financial assistance for children to participate in a youth development activity who would otherwise not be able to due to a lack of financial resources.

DakotAbilities

- Alternative Services — designed to provide recreational and social activities for people with severe physical and mental disabilities.

Dell Rapids Community Haven

- Dell Rapids Community Haven — provides before, after, and summer school care for Kindergarten - 8th grade children in Dell Rapids.

Delta Dental

- Dakota Smiles Mobile Dental Program — provides free dental care to low-income students via two dental mobiles.

Family Connection

- Children's Connection — serves children in Sioux Falls who have an incarcerated parent by providing support groups, family events, and summer camp scholarships to programs.

Family Service, Inc.

- Counseling — provides counseling and therapy to individuals in the community who are experiencing emotional or personal problems.
- Family Life Education — designed to provide education to the public at large on topics related to mental health.
- Heuermann Counseling Clinic — provides free psychiatric and counseling services to clients who have no visible means for paying for these services.

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Family Visitation Center

- Family Visitation Center — provides a safe and supportive environment for children to visit with non-custodial parents where there has been domestic abuse, child abuse or conflict with visitation, or where there has been a long-term difficulty between parents and/or child.

Feeding South Dakota

- BackPack Program — provides at-risk children with nutritious, easy-to-prepare foods for the weekends.

Furniture Mission of South Dakota, Inc.

- Furniture Mission — through referral sources from over 100 agencies, the Furniture Mission distributes gently used furniture that has been donated to those in need. The furniture is donated by people in Sioux Falls or surrounding communities.

Girl Scouts – Dakota Horizons

- Girl Scout Leadership Experience — opportunity to give girls a variety of skill building and leadership development activities to help them discover themselves, connect as a team, and take action to make the world a better place.
- Girl Scout Outreach — provides the typical Girl Scout leadership experience but is specifically designed to reach the at-risk, underprivileged girls.

Handi-Riders

- Handi-Riders — provides a therapeutic horse program for individuals with physical, emotional, and cognitive limitations.

HELP!Line Center

- 211 HELP!Line — a 24-hour phone hotline and online database for information and referral on community services.
- Childcare HELP!Line — provides information and referrals for child care services available in the community.
- Suicide Prevention HELP!Line — 24 hour hotline that provides suicide prevention trainings and support services to family and friends who have lost a loved one to suicide as well as responding to crisis calls.
- Volunteer HELP!Line — matches people with volunteer opportunities in non-profit agencies.

Here4Youth

- Here4Youth — provides Out-of-School-Time Care and a full-time Summer Program to children of all abilities, while specializing in the provision of services to children with disabilities. Services are for children 3 to 21 years of age.

Inter-Lakes Community Action Partnership

- Child Development — provides Early Head Start services to children, age pre-birth to three years, and their families.
- Heartland House I & II— a transitional housing project for homeless families with children.

KIDSTOP

- KIDSTOP — a free after-school and summer program for low-income and immigrant and refugee children in grades K-8.

Kilian Community College

- Bridges Program — an adult, academic-level American English language, 2-year, 4-level, noncredit educational program helping immigrants and refugees prepare for college or employment requiring a higher level of English skills in grammar, writing, reading, speaking, listening, math, computer and vocabulary.

Lunch is Served, Inc.

- Lunch is Served — an outreach ministry whose mission is to provide a nutritious mid-day meal for the working poor in the city of Sioux Falls.

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Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota

- Consumer Credit Counseling Service — provides confidential and professional financial and housing counseling and education on money management, debt liquidation, home ownership, foreclosure prevention and bankruptcy.
- School Based Mentor Program — provides positive adult role models to participate in the lives of children in the Sioux Falls Public School District.
- Sioux Falls Area Counseling Center — allows people to seek counseling, mediation and education services regardless of age and income.
- USucceed* — provides at-risk high school students with a long term volunteer mentor.

Pathways

- FRIENDSLINK — provides specialized education and recreational opportunities for adults with disabilities along with reverse integration opportunities for Augustana College students.

Ready to Read*

- Dolly Parton's Imagination Library* — provides the opportunity for children 5 years of age and under to receive a book each month sent directly to the child.
- Reading Festival* — a one day community wide event to promote literacy.

Salvation Army

- Night Watch — provides a meal to homeless or near-homeless individuals on Saturday and Sunday nights when the Banquet is not open.
- Social Services Assistance — addresses the needs of families and individuals who seek short-term assistance, usually due to a financial crisis. Most of the assistance provided goes toward rent, utility assistance, and security deposits for housing needs.

Sanford Health

- Success by 6* — includes new parent resource packets, child temperament assessments, and other resources for families and new parents.

Senior Companion Program of South Dakota

- Senior Companions — helps older people maintain their independence and remain in their own homes. Low-income volunteers over the age of 55 provide in-home care to the elderly and receive a tax-free stipend.

Sioux Empire Chapter of the American Red Cross

- Disaster Services — provides disaster preparedness training and disaster response services.
- Services to Armed Forces — provides for emergency military messaging for members of the Armed Forces and their families.

Sioux Empire CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition

- CHARACTER COUNTS! — strengthens the character of today's young people through teaching the Six Pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship and is used by almost all of the school districts in the greater Sioux Falls area.

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Sioux Falls Area CASA Program

- CASA — provides abused and neglected children with a volunteer advocate, who serves on the child's behalf through the overburdened juvenile court system.

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Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation

- Asset Development — generates capital for non-profit agencies and programs across the charitable spectrum.

Sioux Falls Area Literacy Council

- Adult Literacy Program — administers one-to-one volunteer tutoring for adult non-readers.

Sioux Falls Family YMCA

- Adult & Family Wellness — provides access to a fitness facility for low-income adults and families who otherwise could not afford it.
- Middle School After School — provides a safe after-school environment at all Sioux Falls' public middle schools.
- Youth Aquatics — a structured program based on organized recreational play, requiring all players to participate in at least 2 quarters. The league is open to 4th-12th graders.
- Youth Basketball — provides children of all income levels with the opportunity to play basketball
- Youth Wellness — provides memberships for low-income youth that need access to a fitness facility.

Sioux Falls Housing & Redevelopment

- Family Self-Sufficiency — helps assist highly motivated individuals and families with becoming economically self-sufficient.

Sioux Falls Psychological Services

- Marriage and Family Therapy Clinic — meets the counseling needs of individuals, families or couples with limited or no financial resources.

Sioux Falls School District

- School Home Liaison Refugee and Immigrant Program — Liaisons work with refugee and immigrant families adjusting to a new culture and language by helping them to complete registrations, orientations, and home visits.
- Starting Strong in the Sioux Empire* — an initiative designed to give children ages 3 and 4 in the Sioux Falls area access to quality pre-kindergarten programs.

Siouxland RSVP

- RSVP — provides and coordinates meaningful volunteer experiences for retired individuals by matching their time and talents with the needs of their local communities through local non-profit agencies, health facilities, and public agencies.

South Dakota Achieve

- Supported Living & Supported Employment — helps people with developmental disabilities live as independently as possible in the community.

Southeastern Behavioral HealthCare

- Employment Connection — provides employment assistance and support to working-age adults with severe mental illnesses.
- Psychiatric Services — maintains access to psychiatric services for children and adults regardless of their financial resources.

St. Francis House

- St. Francis House — provides shelter to individuals and families who are homeless.

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The Compass Center

- Education and Prevention — provides preventative information and educational programs to the community and Sioux Falls area schools. Designed to increase knowledge and advocacy for victims of rape and/or domestic violence.
- Family Violence Project — counseling to abuse victims, prevention education to juvenile offenders and educational and therapeutic interventions to male and female adult offenders.
- Survivor Empowerment Services — provides victims and their families with confidential counseling services and a 24-hour hotline.

The Multi-Cultural Center

- Youth Programs — Provides after school and summer care to elementary and middle school children while building a respect for diversity and relationships across cultures in addition to educational components. Expanded programs include Native Youth Club, Karate (K-12), Native Reads, and Summer C.A.R.E camp.

United Day Care Centers, Inc.

- United Day Care — provides affordable childcare for children from ages two to ten.

USD Scottish Rite Children's Clinic for Speech and Language Disorders

- Speech and Language Therapy — provides evaluation, treatment and counseling/education for children with communication disorders and their families. The program is a partnership of United Way, the University of South Dakota, and the Scottish Rite.

Volunteers of America, Dakotas

- Bowden Youth Center — free drop in center offering education and creative opportunities in a safe, supportive environment as well as recreational activities and non-competitive sports. Also includes daily snacks and meals, as well as, education and strategies to help youth make good decisions for their lives.
- Childcare and Family Literacy Center — provides quality child care and early childhood education programs for young children, as well as literacy skills for family members.
- Circle of Hope — provides affordable, quality childcare.
- LifeMarks — an outpatient counseling program, addressing the mental health concerns of youth, adults, and families.
- Little Blessings Learning Center — brand new center which provides affordable, quality childcare and parenting support.
- Outreach Services — connecting with transitioning and homeless youth, the street outreach team helps to find resources for youth who are living on the streets, couch surfing, or on the verge of homelessness in Brandon and Sioux Falls area.
- Parent Child Learning Center — provides quality and nurturing care for children. Offers support and guidance for parents facing everyday challenges while pursuing their education and employment goals. Also a community Head Start site and Starting Strong pre-k pilot partner.
- Teen Parent Program — provides childcare for middle and high school students with children the opportunity to complete their education while learning more about their new roles as parents.

YWCA Sioux Falls

- Adult Fitness — an adult exercise program that includes land and pool and that is affordable for everyone.
- Aquatics — a certified learn-to-swim program for children and adults, which teaches swimming and water safety in group or individual lessons.
- Childcare — exceptional care for children ages 4 weeks through 5 years, using creative learning experiences in safe, nurturing environment. Care available in two centers—downtown and south locations.
- Girls on the Run* — an interactive life-skills program that is delivered through running, walking, and other fun activities. The goal is to educate and prepare girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living.
- Youth Recreation — a variety of recreational programs and activities which offer children opportunities to grow and develop physically and socially.

* Indicates program was started as an initiative by Sioux Empire United Way