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## United Way of Northwest Michigan



Another successful Fall Day of Caring in the books! Thank you to every non-profit, business team, and volunteer for making this day impactful.

A special thank you to our sponsor, Sara Lee Frozen Bakery, for making this day possible!



215 VOLUNTEERS

1075 VOLUNTEER HOURS

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# JOIN OUR TEAM



Are you seeking an opportunity to make a difference, build your resume, network with agency leaders and jumpstart your career? VISTA is the spot for you!

United Way of NWMI is seeking a VISTA for our Volunteer Center. If you, or someone you know, is interested please contact [jessica@unitedwaynwmi.org](mailto:jessica@unitedwaynwmi.org) or visit the AmeriCorps portal [here](#).

## FARMER'S MARKET FUN!

Come join us October 9th, from 8am-12pm, at the Sara Hardy Farmer's Market and pick up your free Safe & Healthy home kit! Our awesome Tuesday Toolmen will not only be handing out kits, but we will also have fun activities for the kids!



**Spectrum**



FIRST-AID KIT



WEATHER ALERT RADIO



SMOKE ALARM



MOISTURE ABSORBER



LED NIGHT LIGHT

**2-1-1**

of Northwest Michigan

Get connected to the help you need...  
quickly, easily and confidentially.

**2-1-1 is the one number you call or text to  
get answers to life's many challenges.  
And United Way makes it possible.**



## Don't let taxes be the death of you



Earn \$66,000 or less? You can file your taxes for free online! If you earned \$66,000 or less in 2019, you can file both your state and federal taxes with MyFreeTaxes which is a partnership among United Way and H&R Block.

Using MyFreeTaxes is easy, simple, fast and secure. When you file electronically, you let the computer do the math. Your work is saved at every step, so you can always come back and work on it later. MyFreeTaxes software has error checkers and calculators built in so you have a much smaller chance of making an error. Your personal information will not be shared with anyone.

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## QUARTERLY DAY OF CARING

Our last, and final, quarter of 2019 will be dedicated to Welcome Home Baskets. Getting your first place after experiencing homelessness, couch surfing, living in a shelter or your car is exciting...but expensive.

That's why we're proud to launch "Welcome Home Baskets". They're the essential items needed to begin a new life in a new home. We have families and individuals moving into permanent, supportive housing across the region; some of them will have a safe place to lay their head for the first time! With your help, these families can focus on what's most important: meals on the table, shoes on their feet, and transportation to get to work.

We dedicate the months of November and December to collecting much needed items for our neighbors securing permanent/stable housing.

There are many ways to help; collect monetary donations, start a collection drive at your workplace, or hold a holiday party and put together baskets with your family and friends. Any little bit helps!

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