

"Cathy has faced tough times and often struggled to make ends meet. For a while, she relied on food assistance through a United Way program to help feed herself and her family. During a recent visit, Cathy shared how that support made a bigger impact than she ever expected. With the money she was able to save, she purchased a reliable car – something she hadn't had in years. Now, with dependable transportation, she's taken the next big step: enrolling in classes to earn her associate's degree. What started as a little help with food has opened the door to a bright, more stable future."

Today, many of our neighbors are working hard to overcome barriers and get ahead. In Marshfield, current data shows that 39% of households are living paycheck to paycheck, barely getting by. Somewhere in our community:

- A working parent is stretching this week's paycheck to cover the growing costs of groceries, utilities, and housing.
- A young adult needs guidance in choosing a career path leading to a good-paying job and a promising career.
- A middle-schooler is struggling to find a way to stay focused in class because they didn't have enough nutritious food at home over the weekend.

But they're not alone and no challenge is too big for us to take on when we work together.

Together with our community-serving partners and supporters like you, we can connect people to the opportunities they need to reach their full potential and make our community a place where everyone can thrive. With your help, last year we provided:

- 1,156 requests for food assistance
- 230 individuals with housing support and security
- 10,117 counseling sessions for children and teens
- 540 youth mentoring experiences
- · 677 children with supplemental food for the weekends

And so much more.

United is the Way we continue to meet the moment for our communities' greatest needs and build a better future for us all. It only takes one individual to make a difference, but when our entire community comes together with hope and determination, we can support transformational change like the strides Cathy is making as she builds a secure future for herself and her family.

Make your gift today. Be part of the positive impact we are having on so many lives in our community.

Thank you in advance for your generous support,



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