



Depends On New Sharon

United Way Depends on Your Support

Because of many communities of Mahaska County coming together and pledging their support, United Way of Mahaska County is able to fund many needed services. You can help by supporting the United Way. Tell your neighbors and friends about United Way of Mahaska County and what their agencies have to offer. Be a part of an employee campaign at your place of business. Or ask your employer to contact United Way and we can provide a fun campaign for any business.

United Way Depends on Volunteers

With the help of our dedicated volunteers, the United Way of Mahaska County is able to provide a valuable service to our community. Some volunteers only have a couple of hours to give, while others dedicate a large amount of their time. No matter how many hours you have to give, United Way of Mahaska County needs YOU! We have volunteers from New Sharon, Eddyville, Fremont, and Oskaloosa.

United Way Depends on In-Kind Donations

Often times a business may have goods or services that can be provided to us rather than giving an outright monetary contribution. United Way of Mahaska County depends on donated items and services in order to keep administrative costs low.

United Way Depends on Your Expertise

Everyone has a talent with an area they excel in and all businesses undoubtedly have talented employees. Please consider offering a portion of your specialized service to the United Way as part of your gift this year.

United Way Depends on Contributions

Your gift to the United Way of Mahaska County helps address emerging community needs.

United Way of Mahaska County supports 21 health and human care agencies in Mahaska County. Here are a few examples of how your dollars can help in our community.

- Your gift of \$25 allows our youth agencies to perform a driving record and criminal background screening for one adult volunteer.
- Your gift of \$50 provides 714 pounds of food products to senior citizens, youth, and the hungry.
- Your gift of \$75 provides a Hospice patient supplies, medication, and counseling.
- Your gift of \$100 provides a mammogram for a woman who can not afford it.
- Your gift of \$200 provides a one year scholarship for a preschooler.
- Your gift of \$400 provides shelter for 2 families fleeing from domestic violence for a week.
- Your gift of \$600 provides emergency assistance to 3 families who lost their home in a fire or natural disaster.

**Call Jill Dursky at 641-673-6043
for more information on how
YOU can help
United Way of Mahaska County!**

New Sharon Volunteers
Lyn Ihde - Campaign Representative
Angela Livezey - Board of Directors
Amy McGriff - Board of Directors
Marvin Knoot - Past Board President
Jenny Gay - Agency Representative

Building community resources to improve life in Mahaska County.

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How does United Way help here?

Of our 21 funded agencies, 16 currently provide services in New Sharon.

Agency on Aging - Provides nutritious meals and fellowship to anyone over 60 years of age, regardless of income. Forty residents of New Sharon utilize this service.

American Red Cross - Provides relief to victims of disaster; helps people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies; and provides assistance for military families. Since September of 2003, two families from the New Sharon area have been helped after a fire by the Red Cross. They provided motel accommodations, food, clothing, and a monetary donation.

Crisis Intervention Services - Provides safe, supportive, and confidential services for victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault. Individuals from New Sharon have used the 24 hour Crisis Line, counseling and legal advocacy, as well as utilized the Crisis Shelter.

Ecumenical Cupboard - Provides food and other basic necessities to qualifying people in Mahaska County, to the extent possible, through volunteer donations. Approximately 247 people from the New Sharon area were served last year.

Food Bank of Southern Iowa - Distributes food for senior citizens, children, and the needy. Provides service in the New Sharon area to: New Sharon Assembly of God, New Sharon Senior Center, New Sharon Methodist Church, and the Sunshine & Smiles Children's Center.

4-H Foundation - Creates a supportive environment for youth to reach their full potential by respecting them for who they are and valuing their ability to focus on the critical issues in their lives and in our society. There are 78 4-H members & 24 leaders/superintendents participating in the New Sharon area.

Mahaska County Child Abuse Prevention H.U.G.S. Council - Acts as an advocate for children and a resource for positive parenting information - Six parents utilized the Parent Time Out Program at Sunshine & Smiles Children's Center from the New Sharon area last year.

Imagine the Possibilities - Provides funding for needed services, equipment, and programs for people with disabilities and their families. So far this year, they have helped New Sharon residents with a deposit on an apartment, a partial grant toward the cost of a lift chair, and a partial grant toward the cost of a recliner for a total of \$750.

Jack & Jill Preschool - Provides a creative group experience for pre-kindergarten children and their parents. They provided 3 scholarships for students from the New Sharon area last year.

LOVE In the Name of Christ - Provides information to members of the community by acting as a clearinghouse to link clients with various helping agencies. Provides transportation as well as donated furniture and appliances to clients. Four people from the New Sharon area used this service last year.

Mahaska County Boys, Inc. - Solely supports the programming of local Boy Scouts/Cub Scout units, packs, and troops by directly distributing funds to them, enhancing their activities and experiences. Eighteen boys/parents from the New Sharon area utilize these services.

Mahaska Hospice - Services terminally ill patients and their families with emotional support, home care and counseling. Four families were served in the New Sharon area last year.

Mid-Iowa Council, Boy Scouts of America - Services others by helping to instill values in young people, while preparing them to achieve their full potential throughout life. Eleven boys in New Sharon were served last year.

Girl Scouts of Moingona Council - Inspires girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism, and service that they may become happy and resourceful citizens. Five girls from New Sharon are involved in Girl Scouting.

Oskaloosa Free Medical Clinic - Provides free medical services to those in Mahaska County who are uninsured or underinsured, and to those between services. Twenty-three individuals from New Sharon were seen by doctors last year.

Y.M.C.A. - Provides quality child care and preschool programs, in addition to health and safety classes and special interest program. Fifty-four youth from the New Sharon area took part in YMCA sports activities last year.

Additional Benefits to New Sharon

School Supply Cupboard - Many students were helped at the New Sharon Elementary School from a special grant given to Girl Scout Junior Troup 219. This allowed the Girl Scouts to provide school supplies, milk, snow pants, snow boots and many other needed items targeted by the New Sharon teachers and staff.

Sunshine & Smiles Children's Center applied for and received a special grant in the spring of 2004. They were awarded \$5,000, allowing them to contract professional roofers to replace the roof and vents of the Sunshine & Smiles Children's Center.



Other United Way Agencies available to the New Sharon Area: Habitat for Humanity of Mahaska County, South Central Iowa Center for Independent Living, Fremont Childcare, Kids' Corner Child Care, and Little Creations Preschool.

1 out of 4 people in Mahaska County are assisted by a United Way funded program.

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