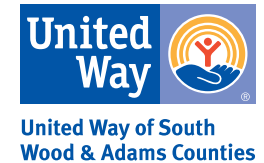




SAFETY NET SERVICES

Food



GOAL: COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE ACCESS TO FOOD.

LOCAL RESULTS:



8,485
pounds of food were leveraged during the 2019 United We Can Food Sculpture Contest.



47,830
people received access to food from Hunger Coalition partners in 2019.



14,183
community meals were served in south Wood County in 2019.

SUCCESS STORY:

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A FAMILY WAS NEW to the Rapids Family Backpacks program. They found themselves in a situation of under-employment and had difficulty stretching their finances enough to support the family of seven. They signed up to receive Rapids Family Backpacks and were given the option to receive the regular 6-meal rotation or Asian meals. The family opted to try the regular meals, as that is what the children eat at school. However, this was not meeting their needs, and they reached out again to request the Asian meal option. Because of flexibility and cultural sensitivity of the RFB program, that family was able to change to their preferred Asian meal option. Not only did the family reach out and try a new resource to help support their family, they also knew that their cultural needs would be respected and they could receive food that fit their family.

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\$41,000 INVESTED
IN PARTNER PROGRAMS

SUPPORTING INFORMATION:



In 2019, United Way's 2-1-1 received 266 calls for assistance acquiring food.



67% of households in Wisconsin chose between paying for food and paying their rent or mortgage.



One in five Wisconsin children face hunger.