



the COMMUNITY CIRCLE

Quarterly newsletter brought to you by United Way of Washington County-East



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Welcome Mai Chee

Celebrating Lois Conn

Hey there!

We've been hard at work, and we have so many incredible updates to share with you. Our dedication to our vision and mission, centered around supporting the community we serve, has kept us busy behind the scenes. Thank you for your patience and continued support as we push forward together.

Moving forward, we will be transitioning to a quarterly newsletter, so you can look forward to receiving even more comprehensive updates every three months.

For more up-to-date happenings, be sure to follow us on social media – @unitedwayofwashingtoncountyeast





Our most successful FISH United yet!



We didn't let the no-wake zone or flooding keep us from celebrating our 3rd Annual FISH United Tournament on the St. Croix!

Thanks to everyone who participated, this was our most successful year yet! Together, we raised over **\$18,000!!**

Congratulations to all of our award winners, including 5-year-old Cooper, who won the Youth Lifetime Fishing License sponsored by the Lumberjack.

A huge thank you to our incredible committee members – your hard work and dedication make FISH possible. Interested in being on the FISH committee? Email Kelly for more information - Kelly.stenerson@uwwce.org



Thank you to our 2024 FISH Sponsors



Stuff the Bus is in FULL SWING!

We kicked off Stuff the Bus on July 9 and we are absolutely amazed by the incredible support pouring in from our community! We know that by easing the financial burden of purchasing school supplies is one way we can continue to build a stronger community and improve the lives of our neighbors. Our Stuff the Bus 'Bus Driver' Erin McQuay said, "The students and families in our area are going to know they are supported and surrounded by people who care. Each person reading this can be, and is, a part of that caring community through Stuff the Bus."

As we near the end date of Stuff the Bus we are still asking for your support. Here are ways you can support Stuff the Bus.

- **Donate** – monetary donations in any amount will help us purchase supplies to help reach our goal of filling 600 backpacks.
- **School Supply Donations** – Grade specific supply lists are available on our website. Supplies can then be dropped off at any partner collection sites around Stillwater and surrounding area! View our interactive map to view all our collection sites.
- **Volunteer** – From donation bin pickup to sorting school supplies we are looking for volunteers to help! Volunteer opportunities will be held at Community Thread. Sign up to help today!

Stuff the Bus is a partnership initiative with Community Thread - click on their logo to learn more about Teacher Kits.



Quick Links

Click each button below for quick access to the ways you can support Stuff the Bus

[DONATE](#)

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[INTERACTIVE MAP](#)

[VOLUNTEER](#)

If you are a family looking to register to receive school supplies for your child, registration is now open! If you have questions please contact Erin – Erin.mcquay@uwwce.org

Register Today!



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You R You

THANK YOU



HIDDEN
PINES
RANCH

FOR HOSTING!

The idea of "You R You" originated from a discussion with our Women United group about creating a space for young girls and those who identify as female to develop tools and skills for supporting their mental wellness. Through numerous meet-ups, brainstorming sessions, connections, and emails, this one-day retreat has come to life.

"You R You" aims to empower young females and those who identify as female by fostering positive self-image and relationships. Participants will engage in interactive activities and small group discussions, gaining the tools and skills needed to support their mental wellness and start 6th grade with confidence.

As a first-year event, we had some hesitations about reaching the right audience, attracting participants, and securing support. However, we are thrilled to have **65** girls signed up! HealthPartners, FamilyMeans, and Tubman have partnered with us to lead small group discussions on body positivity, resiliency in times of challenge, and healthy relationships.

There are several ways you can get involved! Spread the word, contribute something fun to the participants' swag bags, or sponsor/co-sponsor the retreat. For more information, click the button below!

GET INVOLVED



**LEADERSHIP
BREAKFAST**
CONNECTIONS FOR COMMUNITY

Leadership Breakfast is a one-of-a-kind event. It's about gathering with like-minded, dedicated individuals who are essential for fostering collaboration, support, and growth in our area. You'll hear updates about local initiatives, have the opportunity to network with others, and build connections to share resources, ideas, and opportunities. Join us to strengthen our community together!

EXCLUSIVE

The first 75 registered participants will have an incredible opportunity to get 2-3 professionally edited headshots by Travis Monroe, owner of Mediamazing!

Wednesday, September 25th

7:30am - 9:00am

JX Venue | 123 2nd St. N Stillwater, MN 55082

REGISTER NOW!



welcome TO THE TEAM!

United Way of Washington County-East

Mai Chee Lee (she/her)

Administrative & Development Assistant

Mai Chee brings over seven years of nonprofit experience and four years of running a small business to the United Way of Washington County-East. Helping others and connecting with people are two of Mai Chee's greatest passions. She looks forward to collaborating with her colleagues and making a difference in the community.

Mai Chee enjoys spending time with loved ones, crafting, and reading in her spare time. Together with her husband, they enjoy going out to eat and attending fairs.



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Serving Washington County
*from Marine to Afton and
everywhere in between*



Pictured Left to Right: Sarah Mulford, Erin McQuay, Kristin Kroll, Mai Chee Lee, Kelly Stenerson



congratulations, Lois!

Thank you Lois for 15 years of dedication at the United Way of Washington County-East; volunteerism, and taking care of all of us in the office. We wish you a very happy retirement!

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The absence of your daily presence will be deeply felt in the office. But I'm glad, because no one can replace you and we wouldn't want them to. So I hope you feel the love that is surrounding you today from all of these people, and I love you.

– Kelly Stenerson
Development & Community Engagement Manager



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MISSION

Through trusted relationships, generated resources and effectively distribute funds to unite and strengthen our community.

VISION

Create new ways to develop an empathetic and engaged community and generate abundant resources to meet or exceed our local community needs

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION STATEMENT

We are dedicate to fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion in all we do. We strive for a vibrant and equitable community.

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