

December 2019

Sherburne County Area
United Way



During this season, we take time to reflect upon the good things we have... like our partnership with you.

Happy Holidays and warm wishes for 2020
from everyone at SCAUW.



Events

**We are very excited to announce
we will be taking over
Shiver Elk River in 2021!**

We will not have the event in 2020 due to the vast amount of preparation needed to execute this event to the fullest potential.

We want to thank the Elk River Chamber of Commerce for allowing us this incredible opportunity and for the support and guidance they will be providing.



Rare Opportunity
SEEKING A MARKETING INTERN

If you get excited about marketing and want to learn more about it, this rare opportunity could be perfect for you!

We are looking for an intern/volunteer that is passionate about marketing. Our Digital Content Lead will be on maternity leave in March, so this is an excellent opportunity to get real-life experience while she is away!

Check out the [job description](#).

Year-end Giving

This year, we were able to give out \$42,000 in community grants to 19 nonprofit agencies in the Sherburne County area. We are honored to be able

to walk hand in hand with these agencies that are the subject matter experts in their field of helping vulnerable youth. We help fund them so they can continue to make a difference in the lives of youth. Together we are making significant strides in creating stronger youth, a stronger community, and a stronger society.

However, we cannot do this without the help from generous people like YOU. Consider giving the gift of a donation to Sherburne County Area United Way knowing that you are making a difference in the lives of vulnerable youth in our community.



Make a Difference Today!



Our Programs

iEmpower



The iEmpower facilitators went through orientation and are ready for the program to begin in January. The facilitators received their supplies and curriculum and heard from Melissa Pribyl who spoke about resiliency through the Bounce Back Project. Now they are officially ready to bring on the kids!



About the Board

We would like to recognize our outgoing Board Members for their excellent service throughout the years.



Judie Zaske



Nikki Swancutt



Dennis Wold



Dustin Anderson

*We are so honored to have worked with each and every one of you.
We wish you luck in your new endeavors.*

We are always looking for people with a passion for helping others, especially vulnerable youth. If this sounds like you, we would love to chat! [Board of Directors job description.](#)



Partners

We are honored to help fund Thumbs Up High 5k.



Thumbs Up High 5k is an amazing nonprofit organization, changing the way people think, speak, and react to mental health issues.

More and more young children are experiencing anxiety and depression. Schools are not equipped and do not have the budget to allow for extra help with dealing with increasing mental health issues. Thumbs Up High, with the help of funding from Sherburne County Area United Way, has partnered with Elk River school district to incorporate wellness champions and cheer bags into each school. The wellness champion provides resources to the teachers as well as bins of fun activities for the children to participate in such as yoga mats, stress balls, and games. The cheer bags are filled with inspirational support such as a journal, pens, books, resource brochures, gum, socks, and a stress ball. They are supplied to school social workers to give to students that are emotionally struggling.

We are so proud of our funded agency, Thumbs Up High 5k, for bringing mental health to the forefront in our community.



Child Sexual Exploitation Prevention Speaker Series

"We will not end the sexual exploitation of children and youth by responding to it, we end it by getting ahead of it in prevention" – Jessica Bartholomew, ACT United founder

The Child Sexual Exploitation Prevention Speaker Series was a huge success.

- Thank you, **Jessica Bartholomew**, founder of ACT United, for bringing us your extensive knowledge on this topic.
- Thank you, **Elk River Senior Living**, for providing the space for us to gather.
- Thank you, **Elk River Rotary**, for providing the funding for the event.
- And thank you, to **everyone that attended** each Part of the Series.



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