LOCAL LOVE: INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

United Way works to change the lives of vulnerable children, youth and their families so they have the means to thrive as strong citizens in our community. We work to combat #UNIGNORABLE issues in our community including mental health, poverty, hunger, homelessness, domestic violence, education inequality, social isolation, and unemployment.

United Way is more than just a funder. We are a catalyst for long-term change.

In the short-term United Way focuses on meeting the immediate need of the most vulnerable people by investing in local programs. To achieve long-term change United Way participates in research, strategy development, investments, partnerships, evaluation and advocacy.

FOCUS AREAS AND COMMUNITY AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS

BUILDING STRONG COMMUNITIES

• Positive mental health and ability to handle life's challenges
• Connectedness and involvement in the community
• Ability to navigate services

Prairie Harm Reduction - Support for victims/witnesses of violence and abuse through restorative healing practices as well as increasing community involvement for those living with mental health issues through youth art programming and monthly sharing circles.

Canadian Mental Health Association – Saskatoon Branch (CMHA) - Mental health education and training.

Community Living Association of Saskatoon Inc (CLASI) - programs and services for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

CFS Saskatoon - Counselling services in the community for vulnerable individuals and families.

Crocus Co-op - Support for individuals living with mental health issues.

Elizabeth Fry Society - Outreach, support for criminalized women.

Family Service Saskatoon (FSS) - Counselling services in the community for vulnerable individuals and families.

FASD Network of Saskatchewan - Support and training for families, children, and adults affected by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

Global Gathering Place - Resources for a social worker to provide support and counselling to vulnerable newcomers.

Inclusion Saskatchewan - Supports for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Saskatoon Association for Rehabilitation of the Brain Injured (SARBI) - Psychosocial rehabilitation and recreation services for acquired brain injury survivors.

Saskatoon Crisis Intervention Service (SCIS) - Mobile Crisis services for vulnerable individuals and families.

Saskatoon Indian & Metis Friendship Centre - Recreational, social, cultural activities to enhance community connections and engagement indigenous people.
Saskatoon Interval House - Support for children in a women's shelter.
Saskatoon Open Door Society (SODS) - Provides services to immigrant and refugee clients.
Saskatoon Sexual Assault & Information Centre - Support for sexual assault survivors.
Saskatoon Sexual Health - Sexual and reproductive health education, advocacy, and clinical services.
Spinal Cord Injury (Saskatchewan) Inc (SCI) - Rehabilitation and support for individuals with spinal cord injuries.
STR8UP – 10,000 Little Steps to Healing - Supports to exiting gang members as they disassociate themselves from violence and criminal street lifestyles to embark on a healthier path.
SWITCH (Saskatoon Student Wellness Toward Community Health) - A student-led health and wellness clinic offering culturally safe interdisciplinary services to the core communities of Saskatoon, operating out of the Westside Community Clinic.
211 Saskatchewan - Service providers connect individuals to a database of over 5,000 community and social services across the province.

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**ALL THAT KIDS CAN BE**

- Readiness for kindergarten
- Achievement of grade level reading
- Readiness for independence

Big Brothers Big Sisters - Mentoring for children and youth.
Boys & Girls Clubs of Saskatoon - Free before and after school programs at schools for vulnerable children and families.
Core Neighbourhood Youth Co-op (CNYC) - Skill building, cultural exploration for youth.
Saskatoon Early Years Family Resource Centre (SEYFRC) - A drop-in centre for families with children aged 0 – 5 to engage in play and access information, supports, and services to raise healthy children.
Learning Disabilities Association of Saskatchewan (LDAS) - Tutoring for children and youth with learning disabilities.
Saskatoon Community Youth Arts Programming (SCYAP) - Supports for youth through arts and cultural programming.
Saskatoon Downtown Youth Centre Inc (EGADZ) - Supporting the nutrition part of their supports for youth and their families – providing meals, snacks, emergency food packages, and cooking classes to vulnerable youth.
Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation - Purchasing bus passes to support students getting to and from school safely and to increase school attendance for vulnerable youth.
Summer Success Literacy Camps - Helping vulnerable children move towards grade level reading.

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**FROM POVERTY TO POSSIBILITY**

- Meet basic needs
- Acquire and maintain stable housing
- Provide safe homes

CHEP Good Food Inc. - Knowledge and skills to enhance food security for vulnerable individuals and families.
Community Legal Assistance Service for Saskatoon Inner City (CLASSIC) - Walk-in advocacy clinic and legal services for vulnerable individuals and families.
SDLC Summer Snack Program - Nutritious snacks provided to vulnerable children in parks during the summer.
Saskatoon Food Bank and Learning Centre (SFBLC) - Access to safe, affordable, and nutritious food.
Saskatoon Friendship Inn (SFI) - Meals and support for vulnerable individuals and families.
OUTSaskatoon - Housing options for LGBTQ2s+ youth ages 16 – 21 and supporting housing referrals and navigation for LGBTQ2s+ of all ages.
READ Saskatoon - Financial literacy for vulnerable individuals.
Journey Home - Housing First program focused on helping chronically homeless individuals access stable housing.