

LEADERS CREATING HOPE

Creating hope, together, in Brookings County...

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BROOKINGS AREA UNITED WAY

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



In early 2023, the Brookings Area United Way, Brookings County Food Pantry, and Brookings Backpack Project moved into a new collaborative space at 908 Hope Drive.

The building was made possible through a land lease from First Lutheran Church, a Community Development Block Grant through the Governor's Office of Economic Development, and support from the City of Brookings, Brookings County, and Valero.

To ensure maximum program funding, no community donations were used.

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DIFFERENCE MAKER (\$75,000+)

3M
Daktronics
First Bank & Trust
Larson Manufacturing

GAME CHANGER (\$10,000 - \$24,999)

Falcon Plastics

PROBLEM SOLVER (\$25,000 - \$74,999)

Valero

HAND RAISER (\$2,000 - \$9,999)

Avera Brookings Medical Group
Brookings Area Transit Authority
Brookings Health System
Brookings School District
City of Brookings
South Dakota State University
Brookings Health System

*Companies with 100+ employees.

DIFFERENCE MAKER (\$10,000+)

Banner Associates
Capital Services
Harms Oil Company
Sanderson Gardens

GAME CHANGER (\$2,500 - \$4,999)

Best Choice Real Estate
Central Bank

IN KIND

Allegra
Brookings Radio
Brookings Register
Town & Country Shopper

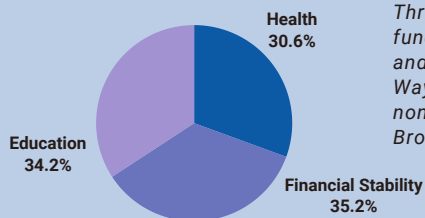
HAND RAISER (\$500 - \$2,499)

Advance
BankStar Financial
B&B Auto
Barrett's Flooring & Decorating
Brookings Dental Clinic
Burlage Peterson Auctioneers
Civil Design Inc.
Craft Chophouse & Lounge
Cubby's Sports Bar & Grill
Dacotah Bank
Farmers Implement & Irrigation
Fite & Pierce Law Office
Kinner & Company
Knutzen Family Dentistry
Meyer Orthodontics
NorthWestern Energy
Office Peeps
Sioux Valley Energy
State Theatre Co. of Brookings
Teen Challenge
WEX
Willert Chiropractic

Thank you to the 150+ individuals who contributed \$500 or more.

Community Impact

United Way envisions a world where everyone can achieve their human potential through education, financial stability, and healthy lives.



Through annual fundraising, trainings, and resources, United Way helps fund 38 local nonprofits to support Brookings County.

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CORPORATE*
Includes employee donations & company donations.

BUSINESS
Includes employee donations & company donations.

A Note from our Executive Director...

We are grateful for the continued support of many generous donors who fund programs spreading hope through Brookings County. Hope looks different for each family and individual, but our community's desire to help others remains consistent.

2023 brought to life what was always considered a dream: a shared space for nonprofits to increase collaboration and share resources. The new building at 908 Hope Drive has already impacted the organizations located here. This building also serves as a meeting location for other nonprofits and service groups and a place to see generosity in action!

With our funded partners working toward social issue solutions, the Brookings Area United Way will continue to have leadership roles in the Resilient Communities initiative and the Brookings County Mental Health Coalition. In 2024, Brookings will become an Early Learners SD community with BAUW as the backbone organization to lead this collaborative effort. We invite all residents to become involved in making Brookings the best we can be through our Volunteer United program.

On behalf of the board of directors and our funded partners, we thank those who have supported us and look forward to what 2024 will bring.

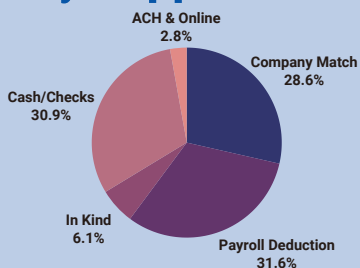
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Executive Director

Community Support

Total Amount Raised In 2023:
\$964,812

which was raised from...



Full audited financial statements can be found at [guidestar.com](https://www.guidestar.com)

UNITING PEOPLE, SHARING RESOURCES, INSPIRING HOPE, AND ENRICHING LIVES FOR A STRONGER BROOKINGS COUNTY.

In 2022, Brookings Area United Way launched Volunteer United. Volunteer United works with nonprofits to create volunteer opportunities, matches volunteers with nonprofits, celebrates Volunteers of the Month, and trains future volunteer managers.



Sign up for the weekly volunteer newsletter here!



2023 Board of Directors

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Our Values: Appreciation & Acceptance of All • Compassion & Caring • Integrity • Advocacy • Responsive & Impactful • Volunteerism



2023 FUNDED PARTNERS

- Advance
- American Red Cross
- Avera Behavioral Health of Brookings
- Boys & Girls Club of Brookings
- Brookings Activity Center
- Brookings Adult Ed Program
- Brookings Area Child Protection Team
- Brookings Area Crime Stoppers
- Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity
- Brookings Area Transit Authority
- Brookings Arts Council
- Brookings Backpack Project
- Brookings Behavioral Health & Wellness
- Brookings County Food Pantry
- Brookings County Youth Mentoring Program
- Brookings Domestic Abuse Shelter
- Brookings Interagency Council
- Child & Family Resource Network
- Delta Dental Mobile Program
- Deubrook Backpack Project
- Dolly Parton's Imagination Library
- East Central CASA
- EmBe
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Girl Scouts - Dakota Horizons
- Great After - School Place
- Helpline Center
- Independent Living Choices
- Inter-Lakes Community Action Partnership
- Lutheran Social Services
- My Neighbor
- NAMI
- Salvation Army
- SingleCare
- Sioux Council Boy Scouts
- Teen Challenge of the Dakotas
- Volunteer Service Bank
- Volunteer United

KEY = HEALTH EDUCATION SELF SUFFICIENCY
Each square represents one funded program.