



Brighter Futures Grant Recipients

(Grantees may reapply for up to three years)

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE - No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town! This volunteer driven agency fully believes that a bed is a basic need for the proper physical, emotional, and mental support that a child needs. An award of \$25,000 will support the mission of local volunteers dedicated to building, assembling and delivering top-notch bunk beds to Siouxland children and families in need.

THE WARMING SHELTER - With a mission of sheltering homeless families, an award of \$7,200 will provide classroom and hygienic supplies for sheltered children, along with age appropriate toys and games. These items ensure children have educational access and enhanced developmental growth while staying at the shelter.

MARY J. TREGLIA COMMUNITY HOUSE PRE-SCHOOL - An award of \$4,998 will provide pre-school children with library lunchroom accommodations, which gives teachers more instruction time and frees up learning space. A privacy fence will protect children from observation by others while using the playground area.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS - The Junior Bigs Mentoring Program at will be expanded at Hunt Elementary with an award of \$18,000. Students benefit from mentoring with improved social and relationship skills, as well as problem-solving abilities. Through improved education and social skills, youth are better prepared for future success.

GIRL SCOUTS OF GREATER IOWA - The Siouxland Girl Scouts Trailblazing Experience will benefit from an award of \$6,950. This program allows girls to participate in high-quality educational and social experiences without the financial burden often associated with such experiences. The

activities include opportunities for the development of STEM skills, improved social abilities, mental and physical health, along with greater confidence and decision-making.

HEARTLAND COUNSELING - An award of \$25,550 will provide at-risk youth with access to a Mental Health Program designed to improve mental health and resilience, and the ability to form positive connections. The program is also intended reduce substance abuse and other high risk behaviors, enhance school attendance, and prevent justice involvement.

Program Grant Recipient

(one time awards)

HAVEN HOUSE FAMILY SERVICES CENTER - An award of \$2,256 will provide for a therapeutic children's room where they can freely play while staff speak and advocate with their parents after a traumatic event has taken place. The goal is to break the cycle of re-traumatization by protecting them from hearing and reliving the event.

SIOUXLAND MENTAL HEALTH CENTER - The award of \$2,496 will provide for expansion of the Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) Program. The goal of the program is to help parents learn effective strategies to deal with their child's dysfunctional behavior.

Women United Grant Applications open in October/ November each year, awards are announced in March. See unitedwaysiouxland.com/women-united for information.

**United Way
of Siouxland**





2024 Women United

March 2024

\$92,450 awarded in grants to help Siouxland Youth

Women United Members 2023 -2024

About Women United:

Women United engages women as active philanthropists in their focus on youth development. We invite you to join us as we recognize women’s efforts to improve our community.

Mission:

Women United exists to provide financial support to organizations or groups that demonstrate the ability to enhance the quality of life for our Siouxland youth.

Grant Guidelines:

Women United supports projects serving children birth to 18 years. Projects should be innovative, demonstrate the ability to enhance quality of life and provide long-term solutions for challenges facing Siouxland.

Project Priorities:

- Preventative approaches focused on breaking harmful intergenerational cycles.
- Create healthy changes in children.

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Women United’s Community Impact

Since 2006, Siouxland’s Women United has awarded **\$1,328,390** to local non-profit groups aimed at providing research-based, life-improving programs, for Siouxland youth. The members of Women United are committed to supporting sustainable programs with positive results.

Globally, Women United is a growing force of 75,000+ women dedicated to creating a world of opportunity for everyone. Together, we will create lasting change to lift up entire communities.

