



# Creating Lasting, Positive Change

## Last Year, 198 Cottage Grove Residents Were Helped by United Way Services.\*

At United Way of Dane County, we know that the well-being of our children and families directly impacts the overall health of our community. By helping neighbors in need access the building blocks of well-being – a quality education, family-supporting job and health supports – we’re working to solve big-picture issues no one person or organization can address alone. **Together, we are The Power of Many. Working for All.**



### 7,255 Community Members in Cottage Grove

We’re calling on every Cottage Grove resident to be a part of the change! Because when more of your neighbors have the support they need to succeed, our entire community is better positioned to thrive.



### 19% of students in Cottage Grove are not on track to graduate

Reading proficiency is essential to academic success in future grades, but 19% of students in Cottage Grove cannot read at grade level. Research shows that students who struggle with reading are significantly less likely to graduate from high school or enter college.



### 101 Neighbors Are Living in Poverty

Poverty presents several barriers to achieving family well-being. When more people have access to safe, affordable housing and jobs earning family-sustaining wages, our entire community works better.



### 143 Referrals For Help Through 211

United Way 211 is available 24/7 and offers free, confidential assistance. Every day United Way connects people with local programs and services that can help.

\*May include individuals who access services through multiple agencies. Data from U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 5 year estimates (2017-2021), Tables DP05 & S1701; DPI WiseDash, 2021-2022, Forward ELA test (grades 3-8), percentage scored "below basic," Monona Grove School District; United Way of Dane County 211 and Partner Nonprofit Reports.



### Cottage Grove Needs You!

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