



Sioux Empire United Way

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\$185,000 in Grant Funding Awarded to Area Non-Profits

Sioux Falls, SD – Each year Sioux Empire United Way awards grants to new and innovative programs. Programs receiving funding this year address new or unmet needs in the community and will provide services to hundreds of people in the Sioux Empire.

Ten area non-profits received grants ranging from \$7,000 to \$40,000 and totaling \$185,918. Programs include employment services for older adults, a dental clinic for low-income individuals, and drama programs for youth.

“Our community has many emerging and new needs,” said Sue Aguilar, Sioux Empire United Way Volunteer Community Impact Chair. “These grant recipients will be helping hundreds of individuals in the Sioux Empire with everything from teaching sportsmanship to youth to providing adults with disabilities opportunities to socialize and get involved in the community.”

This year 15 grant applications were received, totaling over \$335,000. Over eighty community volunteers reviewed the applications based on the research behind the need for the programs, the ability of the program to utilize other community resources, degree of collaboration with other organizations, potential for success in meeting identified objectives, and likely overall impact of the project.

The Sioux Empire United Way partners with non-profit programs in Lincoln, McCook, Minnehaha and Turner Counties. For more information regarding Sioux Empire United Way please visit www.seuw.org. For more information about Sioux Empire United Way’s grant process contact Kerri DeGraff, Acting Community Impact Director, at 605-336-2095.

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A complete list of grant recipients is available on the [Sioux Empire United Way website](http://www.seuw.org).



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