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<u>United Way of Door County</u> Now Accepting Applications

If your organization offers a program that meets human service needs in our community, the United Way of Door County is now accepting applications to grant funds. They are opening up their Annual Community Investment process to any non-profit organization that meets the needs of people in Door County and strengthens the United Way's mission of "Empowering people to build better lives".

When asked about the focus areas for programs to be considered for funding, Executive Director Amy Kohnle explained, "After extensive research, four critical areas of focus were identified by residents of Door County: Basic Needs, Community, Health Care and AODA (Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse). Each of these areas have multiple goals that we are committed to achieving through our funding process. Any qualified program in the community that can help achieve those goals, is strongly encouraged to apply."

Applications are due Wednesday, April 30, 2014 prior to 12:00noon. During May & June, applicants will meet with the volunteers who are on the Community Investment Committee to review their application. The amounts granted by this committee will then establish the amount of money that United Way will need to raise during their 2014 Campaign. The programs that are awarded grants will then receive their funds in monthly installments in 2015.

The basic criteria to apply to United Way of Door County to receive funding in 2015 are:

- -Be qualified under the Internal Revenue Code as a 501(c)3 agency,
- -Be governed by a volunteer board of directors,
- -Be free of policies or practices that unfairly discriminate against individuals,
- -Be fiscally responsible, and
- -Be able to demonstrate measurable outcomes.

Ms. Kohnle is available to answer any questions that organizations may have in regards to whether or not their organization is qualified to apply to United Way for 2015 funding.

Application forms are available by contacting the United Way office at (920) 746-9645.