

In our most vulnerable neighborhoods, weekends can leave children unsure if they'll have enough to eat.

Through United Way partnerships, local students receive bags of food to take home on the weekends, ensuring they have nourishment when school is out.

Teachers report that children look forward to receiving their bags each week. These backpack programs help fill gaps when other assistance runs out, reaching children across multiple age groups.

Community support helps more children return to school nourished, focused, and ready to learn!

Together, we can fuel a child's strong start!

\$10 will help provide 2 local students with meals this week.



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HOUSEHOLD STABILITY

Food is essential, but only one part of a stable home.

When families can meet basic needs like food, housing, and healthcare, they are less likely to face crisis. With that stability, stress decreases and children can focus on school, feel safe, and build a strong foundation for their future.

Your support builds strong starts for children.



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When meals aren't certain, household stress grows and stability slips away.

Ella, a single mom of two, was struggling to keep up with work, transportation, and the fear of running out of food. Her children were missing school, and each day was filled with uncertainty.

Through United Way of Greater Stark County's **Strong Neighborhoods, Strong Families** program, she connected with a trusted Community Health Worker (CHW) to help her gain reliable access to food. Knowing her family would not go hungry lifted a heavy burden and re-stabilized her home.

Today, her children are fed, her home is secure, and she and her family are moving forward with confidence!

Your support brings stability to families like Ella's.

\$10 will help provide a family's meal and peace of mind

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STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS, STRONG FAMILIES

Real change starts by addressing poverty where it hits hardest.

United Way of Greater Stark County's Strong Neighborhoods, Strong Families serves families with young children living in high-poverty neighborhoods, by bringing programming to neighborhood schools to increase awareness, access, and use of services.

Strong Neighborhoods, Strong Families programming focuses on helping provide household stability to allow families to focus on building healthy family and community relationships and helping children build the skills they need to succeed.

These services, provided at the school building by United Way of Greater Stark County staff, in partnership with nonprofit partner organizations, help to level the playing field for students who don't readily have access to community-based or costly enrichment programs.

**Investing in strong starts builds healthier, more stable futures,
helping families move out of crisis and into stability.**



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