

## **Sheboygan & Plymouth Area United Way**

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### **“The Sum of the Parts Equals a Much Greater Whole”**

Twenty-seven agencies are the parts which make the Sheboygan & Plymouth Area United a much greater “whole” than we could possibly be on our own. I truly believe this statement and every day I become even more aware of how strong our 27 affiliated agencies have made our presence felt in Sheboygan County.

Our agencies have given us the power to reach out to every age group in need in Sheboygan County – from newborns, to toddlers, to teens, to moms and dads, to grandpas and grandmas, and to those who live alone. United Way funds many of their vital programs which provide services for emergencies, help for the unemployed and their families, mentoring, mental health, credit counseling, child care, health care, youth counseling, assistance with language barriers, homes for the homeless, friendship, caring and so much more.

Every year at this time, the United Way’s Planning and Allocations coordinator and her volunteer committee visit, observe in action, and evaluate, every program from every agency which has applied for funding in the 2010 calendar year. The knowledge shared and gained from these visits will have a positive impact on Sheboygan County as new programs are approved and current programs are improved to bring even more relevant services to those in need.

This is also the time of year when the United Way goes out into the business community to make campaign presentations, with those same great agencies by our side, sharing examples of the services they provide with our audiences. They tell a much greater story about their personal experiences with their clients than I could tell on my own. And many of those stories bring tears to the eyes of the listeners.

As the campaign unfolds, we expect to visit many businesses and organizations in partnership with our affiliated agencies showing our community first-hand what strength and support we have as a team, proving our campaign motto, “We’re all in this together!” If your company or organization would like to have a United Way/Agency presentation to accompany your United Way employee campaign, call the United Way office, 458-3425. We’d be happy to build a stronger community by sharing the United Way story with you.