



UNITED WAY OF NATRONA COUNTY  
**RESULTS MATTER**  
 A QUARTERLY REPORT TO UNITED WAY DONORS

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**Your Contribution Makes a Difference**

- United Way of Natrona County Focus Areas**
- Youth Development
  - Community Service
  - Counseling/Crisis
  - Disabled
  - Poverty Recovery
  - Seniors

**Meeting Basic Needs & Helping People in Crisis**

**Why it matters:**

A strong, safe community cares for those in need of life's basic necessities. For those who struggle due to a health issue, a family emergency, or a lack of adequate income, joblessness and homelessness are real possibilities. In Natrona County a safety-net exists through a coalition of agencies dedicated to providing basic needs.



**United Way Response:**

United Way invests in programs that provide shelter, food, clothing, and a variety of services that assist in self-sufficiency. Providing case management in addition to the above basic needs, **Interfaith** concentrates its efforts as a central clearing house providing assistance with acquiring and maintaining permanent housing. **The Salvation Army** maintains a food bank and a thrift store. Transportation, help with utilities, prescriptions and personal care items can be obtained at both of these United Way of Natrona County agency partners. Victims of disasters such as fires or floods are helped by **The American Red Cross**. In addition to training volunteers on First Aid and CPR, the local Red Cross chapter is on site immediately to help people displaced from their homes during an emergency. **Casper Youth Crisis Center** and the **Self Help Center** assist individuals and families displaced due to a family crisis, domestic violence, sexual assault, elder or child abuse. Prevention Education Programs are also a key strategy for these agencies. **Seton House** provides homeless single parent families transitional housing and support services. **Our Families Our Future** trains and places low-income single mothers in careers that successfully support their families. The **Children's Advocacy Project** coordinates response to child abuse situations to minimize trauma to children. **CASA of Natrona County** trains and supervises volunteers to act as advocates for abused and neglected children in court, and assists in good foster care placement. Acting as a first call for assistance, the **United Way Information and Referral** phone line is open during the work day to refer callers to appropriate agencies.

**THANK YOU!**

<b>United Way 2005 Investment:</b>	<b>\$350,762</b>
Advocacy & Job Training:	47,000
Case Management:	30,000
Food Bank & Thrift Store:	47,000
Transitional Shelter:	148,000
Disaster & Emergency Services:	44,500
Information & Referral:	34,262

**Some Results:**

- 30 single mothers received skilled job training
- 1253 individuals including children were sheltered for one or more nights
- 2064 people were provided groceries for a week
- 3826 individuals were certified in CPR, ACD and/or First Aid
- 4000 meals, snacks and water provided to emergency workers
- 8000 volunteer hours to assist children thru the court system