At the beginning of our 101st year, we'd like to share some of the highlights of our work that helps working families, or ALICE (those who are Asset-Limited, Income-Constrained, Employed). Here are those highlights from 2018:

Education (ALICE Prevention): To build a skilled and educated workforce, we are partnering with our schools to engage the community in support of a two-generation approach to learning. Reading Corps results at our pilot program show that our kindergartners are reading at the year 9% below national averages, but are ending the year 15% above national averages. Over 600 children under the age of 5 years old in Muskegon and Oceana counties are receiving close-a month to their home because of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program, and parents are committed to reading with their children. Read Muskegon is teaching two generation literacy and offering drop-in tutoring, as well as taking their futures right into the jail to better prepare these adults for the watched and life. After school programs are focused on jobs and workforce stability, helping families who are financially unstable. Last year we helped 80,000 people were helped through your caring support of 76 local programs. To see a complete list of our programs please visit our website at www.unitedwaylakeshore.org/partners.

Health (ALICE Resiliency): We continue to promote active and healthy lifestyles, access to care and education. Our Health team works through a variety of proven local programs with our partner agencies. A new program in Health is Volunteer for Dental, which provides access to dental care for underserved adults in exchange for community service and one health education. Last year over 80,000 people were helped through your caring support of 76 local programs. To see a complete list of our programs please visit our website at www.unitedwaylakeshore.org/partners.

Income Stability (ALICE Support): Our goal in this area is to cut in half the number of lower income families who are financially unstable. Last year we focused on jobs and workplace stability, helping working families to access services and manage their expenses. United Way helped expand the Employer Resource Network (ERN) model in our area that provides a trained success coach on site at the workplace to connect workers with needed services. Workforce Stability trainings in our area to improve worker retention rates that should lead to higher worker wages and income stability. Financial literacy, transportation and child care supports were put into place and we are working on a community loan program that will launch soon.

Volunteer Income Tax program (VITA) helped low income workers with free quality tax preparation, approximately 6,700 hours of service. Our energetic volunteers logged over $3 million back to the community to support them and fuel our local economy. Our Goodwill affiliate helped 600 people find work and 1,200 students and teachers received school supplies. A new program in Health is Volunteer for Dental, which provides access to dental care for underserved adults in exchange for community service and one health education. Last year over 80,000 people were helped through your caring support of 76 local programs. To see a complete list of our programs please visit our website at www.unitedwaylakeshore.org/partners.

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HEALTH: ENSURING A HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITY

A little boy without toys wandered in the street looking for food. He appeared to be malnourished. When I asked to see him every day and make only enough to get by. The road conditions are poor, and I feared everyday that something was going to happen. What if there is still a way to keep the insurance on my vehicle because of my maximum income level for assistance. I couldn’t afford to keep the insurance on my uninsured vehicle with 3 little children aboard. I feared everyday that something was going to happen. What if there is still a way to keep the insurance on my vehicle because of my maximum income level for assistance. I couldn’t afford to keep the insurance on my uninsured vehicle with 3 little children aboard. I feared everyday that something was going to happen. What if there is still a way to keep the insurance on my vehicle because of my maximum income level for assistance. I couldn’t afford
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