

SAFETY NET SERVICES



United Way of South Wood & Adams Counties

Food

GOAL: COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE ACCESS TO FOOD.

40% of Wood County and 43% of Adams County households are struggling financially, despite earning income above the Federal Poverty Level. Living paycheck-to-paycheck, yet unable to afford all essentials or save for emergencies, we term these households **ALICE: Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed.**



Many ALICE households, despite struggling financially, do not qualify for FoodShare benefits due to their income.

United Way's investment in partner programs means food programs in south Wood and Adams Counties have the resources and support to help ALICE families in times of need.

In 2023, partner programs & Hunger Coalition partners provided community members access to food **61,000+** times.

Nearly 1/3 of financially struggling households report not having enough food for their children to eat.

United Way helps ALICE families keep food on the table by investing in backpack programs which provide families with ingredients for weekend meals.

1,128 Families received weekend meals through backpack meal programs in 2023.

\$42,125 invested in partner programs in 2024.

7,964 Pounds of food were donated to local food programs from United We Can in 2023.

8,830 Individuals received access to food from Adams County partner programs in 2023.

22,925+ Pounds of food was provided to seniors with financial need through the Stockboxes program in 2023.

100+ volunteers made an impact through Stockboxes, United We Can, and the Hunger Coalition in 2023.

