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AREA UNITED WAYS CONTRIBUTE TO PROACT PROGRAMS, SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT EFFORT

ProAct, Inc. is receiving grants from the United Way of Hastings to support programs for people with disabilities and from the United Way of Goodhue, Wabasha and Pierce Counties for supported employment services.

Education, health and wellness are the primary areas of support for the United Way of Hastings, which chooses grant recipients based on its mission, explains Tara Donahue Weiss, the executive director. ProAct is receiving \$3,000, and was one of nearly 20 local organizations to be chosen for grants from UW-H. Funds from UW-GWPC totaled \$5,000, and are dedicated to maintaining ProAct's supported employment for people with disabilities in and around Red Wing.

“ProAct's emphasis aligns very closely with the United Way and we are grateful to be able to utilize these contributions for life skills training and workforce preparation,” said ProAct President and CEO Steve Ditschler.

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ProAct director of programs and services in Red Wing, Sally Ogren, said collaborative United Way efforts are essential to the health of the community. Supported employment for people with disabilities places and assists people in community jobs to increase confidence and maintain skills.

Donahue Weiss said increased generosity by people in the community allowed the United Way to increase funding in Hastings this year to a number of local organizations that provide direct services to those in need. UWH has served the Hastings area for more than 45 years.

ProAct's mission is to serve individuals experiencing barriers to employment and self-sufficiency due to intellectual and developmental disabilities, physical disabilities, mental health issues, traumatic brain injuries, and other challenges.

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