LETTER: Volunteers and sponsors helped United Way share food with strangers

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To Ozaaukee Press:

We want to thank everyone who supported our Stone Soup project. The children’s story “Stone Soup,” a folk tale in which the people of a town each share a small amount of their food to make a meal for hungry strangers, was the inspiration for the October project. Volunteers contributed fresh vegetables, nonperishable food items and homemade cookies and lent helping hands.

The more than 50 volunteers packaged 270 meals for the three local food pantries and Advocates of Ozaaukee. In addition, we were able to donate barrels of food items to fill the shelves at Family Sharing of Ozaaukee and provide Advocates with healthy snacks for their families.

This event wouldn’t be possible without heavy lifting from our sponsors. The staff at Twisted Willow prepared 77 gallons of delicious soup from the fresh ingredients provided by individual and community gardens. The Daily Baking Co. donated wonderful artesian breads. The homemade desserts were provided by neighbors and friends.

We appreciate Fox Brothers Piggly Wiggly in Port helping us gather the non-perishable food items and Parkside Community United Church of Christ in Saukville for donating their space to host the event. A special shout out of gratitude to Nancy Gierach for her leadership on this project.

Stone Soup is the perfect affirmation of what our United Way does every day by mobilizing nonprofits, business and community leaders, donors, government entities and educators to work together to bring positive change.

We thank everyone who helped us eliminate hunger in Ozaaukee County.

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