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**United Way Creates Fund to Aid Nebraska and Iowa Flood Victims**

Thousands of people in Nebraska and Iowa are in need of assistance as flooding displaces families, destroys homes and devastates communities. In response, United Way of the Midlands has created the Nebraska & Iowa Flood Relief Fund.

Individuals can make a contribution to this fund by visiting [www.unitedwaymidlands.org/floodrelief](http://www.unitedwaymidlands.org/floodrelief) or texting FLOODRELIEF to 41444. 100% of every donation will be directed to nonprofit programs meeting people's needs for emergency shelter, food and more right here in our community. Donors can direct their gift to another community affected by flooding in Nebraska or Iowa by providing the city name. United Way of the Midlands will then distribute those funds to the local United Way chapter serving that area.

United Way of the Midlands is also assisting those affected by flooding through its 2-1-1 Helpline which serves Nebraska and southwest Iowa. People in need can reach the Helpline by calling 2-1-1, texting their zip code to 898211 or visiting [www.ne211.org](http://www.ne211.org).

Information referral specialists will be available to assist callers 24/7 for the immediate future. All calls are free and confidential, but standard message and data rates may apply when texting. Assistance is available in over 100 languages using the Tele-interpreter service and bilingual staff.

**About United Way of the Midlands**

Thanks to donors, volunteers and community partners, United Way of the Midlands (UWM) is not only focused on addressing our community's human needs today; it is focused on what can be and what should be. It is building on today's strong partnerships to create even more comprehensive human service efforts tomorrow, so our community can solve some of the root causes of poverty. UWM is community-based, community-focused. Thanks to those who share their strength, UWM is COMMUNITY STRONG. Please visit [UnitedWayMidlands.org](http://UnitedWayMidlands.org) for more information.

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