

LIVE UNITED



What it means in the Lakes Region

What does it mean to Live United? It starts with recognizing that we're all in this together – and then acting on that knowledge.



Got Lunch! Is one of several citizen action teams to have emerged from **Better Together**. Responding to the large numbers of children on free or reduced lunch programs in our public schools, **Got Lunch!** was launched to assure that children would not go hungry during the summer months.

Approximately 25 community people, including clergy, educators, business owners, Boy Scouts, and 6th grade girls from Laconia Middle School, worked to package and deliver a week of nutritious lunches to qualified children. 144 families and 275 children were served weekly, and through 10 weeks of the program, 12,597 healthy lunches were delivered. In addition, \$30,100 was raised from 123 separate donors.



Deliverers returned with heartwarming stories of the reception they receive from the families. One deliverer was emotional due to the poverty in Lakeport she witnessed, and another was emotional due to the gratitude she felt being able to help community families feed their children. Each deliverer said they LOVE doing this work, and report many cases of thank-yous and excitement on the part of the children who excitedly greeted them every week. One deliverer with an extensive community service background stated,
“This is the most satisfying work she has ever done in Laconia”.

At United Way we embrace the idea that no man is an island – we all depend on each other.

*“Reach out a hand to one, and influence the condition of all.”
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