



UNITED WAY
Northeastern
Minnesota

**MEET UP AND
CHOW DOWN**

**2026 PROGRAM
RESULTS**

9,657



Lunches Served

+ 2,391 Buddy Backpacks on Thursdays!

12



Communities

16



Lunch Sites

384



Volunteers

who invested 2,112 hours of time!



Meet Up and Chow Down was available in the following communities in the summer of 2026:

**BABBITT
BIWABIK
CHISHOLM
COOK
ELY
GILBERT
HIBBING
HOYT LAKES
KEEWATIN
MOUNTAIN IRON
NASHWAUK
VIRGINIA**

Meet Up and Chow Down is provided in our region through a partnership between United Way of Northeastern Minnesota, the MN Department of Education, and the USDA.



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