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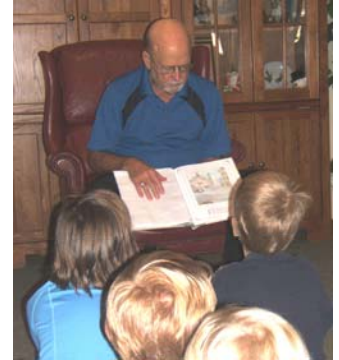
- **United Way focuses on “Helping Children and Youth Achieve Their Potential”.**

In the fall of 2008, the north Rock County libraries partnered with United Way of North Rock County to bring a “Live United” message to area children, promoting community service. Live United means that all of us, no matter the age, can do our part to reach out, all working together to make our world better.

**MILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY – at The Gathering Place**

In Milton, an intergenerational library program was held at the senior center, The Gathering Place. Local celebrities Mayor Nate Bruce and Emergency Medical Technician JaLayne Hawkins read books to the children. Seniors who attend The Gathering Place then played games and led a craft activity with a class of second graders from Milton East Elementary School.

Second grade teacher Andy Gross said, “The children had a great time meeting different people. They were also learning about communities and community helpers during social studies, so being



Mayor Nate Bruce reads to the children

able to meet some of our community helpers in person made the experience all the better. The second graders had a blast and I would love to make this an annual event.”

The Gathering Place Program Coordinator, Leigh Kuelz, explained, “I loved to see the way the kids react to the seniors when they played the games. They really enjoyed it and respected the seniors.”



Teacher Andy Gross from Milton East Elementary School brought his 2<sup>nd</sup> graders for this program. Mr. Gross, his students, The Gathering Place seniors and readers are pictured.

That’s what living united is all about – all ages working together, learning together, to make our communities stronger.

JaLayne Hawkins, son Thomas and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students make picture frames



Louise Reavis helps the students with a game of Chutes and Ladders

**Comments from second graders:**

- Bryce: “I didn’t think I was going to have as much fun as I did!”
- Mackenzie: “Can we go again?”