

United Way of Yellowstone County



August 2022

United Moments with UWYC

Join Us for Our CommUnity Rally!

2022 Thursday, September 15
4:30-7PM
2173 Overland Ave

A community gathering to celebrate Day of Caring and Operation School Supply Drive, as well as to Kick-Off the Annual Workplace Campaign.

Join us and enjoy:

- Food Trucks
- Soda & Beer
- Yard Games
- Performance by: El Wencho

UWYC would like to invite you to join us for our CommUnity Rally! The rally is free to attend and will feature live music from El Wencho, free soda, water, snacks, and ice cream, and family friendly yard games. Food trucks La Taqueria, Big Sky Baked and Loaded, and more will also be there selling their delicious food and Axe Kickin' Time will be offering axe throwing and donating 25% of the proceeds back to UWYC! Beer and alcohol will also be available for purchase. We hope to see you there!

[More Info Here](#)

Thank You to Our CommUnity Rally Sponsors!

A huge thank you to the companies who have generously donated to help make the CommUnity Rally a possibility! There are still sponsorship opportunities available! Click [here](#) to register your company!



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Thank you SCHEELS for

Thank you Pepsi for supplying

Thank you to Fuddruckers for providing snacks for the event!

sponsoring the stage and live music from El Wencho!

water and soda for the event!

Operation School Supply 2022



Operation School Supply



Operation School Supply is UWYC's annual school items collection. If your company or organization would like to sign up to host a drive, please contact **Chrissy**.

[More Information Here](#)

Put Your Caring into Action!



CARING IN ACTION

Day of Caring reimaged!



Caring of Action (formerly Day of Caring) provides opportunities for volunteers to put their caring into action by engaging in volunteer opportunities within the community!

Caring In Action can be a variety of projects such as 211 and Code Red door hanger distribution, activities with at our CARE sites such as reading or playing games, participating in a poverty simulation, helping with landscaping, undergoing dementia training to become an advocate in the community, and so much more! Caring in Action projects are designed to precede the CommUnity Rally on September 15, but will be available throughout the fall as well.

CLICK HERE to sign up to receive information about these opportunities and notifications about Caring in Action opportunities during the year.

Join The Team!



WE'RE HIRING

OPEN POSITIONS

- YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR
- DISCOVER ZONE COORDINATOR (PART-TIME)
- CARE PROGRAM AIDE

UWYC is looking for individuals to join the team! For more information, check out our website [HERE](#).

Success Mentoring Program Joins Mentoring Connector

UWYC's Success Mentoring program has joined Mentoring Connector, the only national database of mentoring programs. Mentoring Connector aids in recruiting mentors for programs across the country and increasing visibility for organizations. Their national partners include the NBA and the White House's My Brother's Keeper initiative. UWYC is very excited to be a part of the database!

If you are interested in joining our Success Mentor program and mentoring a student for the 2022-2023 school year, please contact **Maia** for more information!



Volunteers in Action!

Volunteers are a critical part of United Way's work. Volunteers in Action will highlight those who give of their time and talents in various ways to

improve lives in Yellowstone County.



The first volunteer UWYC would like to recognize is Kristie Jessup. Not only has she supported service and engagement through her hands on work but she has also been a strong voice and advocate for engagement through her actions on the United Way Board of Directors, Executive Committee and the Engagement and Volunteer Center Council. Thank you, Kristie, for the example you have set and for sharing your time with UWYC.

Kristie working on a Caring in Action landscaping project with ExxonMobil.

Yellowstone County Health Assessment



Billings Clinic, Riverstone Health, and St. Vincent's Rehabilitation Hospitals of Montana are conducting a health assessment for Yellowstone County. The assessment is designed to identify major health problems, gaps in service, and any other factors that may improve or worsen community members' health. Anyone 18 and older who is a resident of Yellowstone County is invited to take the survey to help the organizations determine where the community's priorities lie and what the most effective steps to solve those problems are. The survey will close on September 1st.

[Take the Survey Here](#)

Thank You to HR Intern Bailee

This summer, UWYC was lucky enough to have Bailee Stenger from Montana State University Billings as an HR intern. During her time at UWYC, Bailee completed an assessment on different strategies to help minimize burnout and benefits that could be added to keep staff employed. She also provided an analysis of the benefits of a four day work week- which UWYC has been testing for the summer. Bailee presented her findings to different committees including UWYC's executive committee. Thank you Bailee for all your hard work!

In Memory of Volunteer Janet Carpenter

UWYC staff was saddened to learn of the passing of



One of the happy children who received one of Janet's stuffed animals.

long time volunteer and donor Janet Carpenter. Janet is best known around the UWYC office for her adorable stuffed animals she would knit for children in families who were facing hardships. Janet began this project in 2018 at the age of 91 and was able to produce hundreds of animals for staff to distribute. Each time staff handed out the gifts to the children, the excitement and joy on their faces was undeniable. UWYC would like to thank Janet for being a valued volunteer and supporting our mission. UWYC is so honored chose to share her gift, time, and resources with us and our community.

Staff Spotlight: Meet Kristian



Please join us in welcoming Kristian Hayes, our new Accounting Coordinator. Kristian first came to UWYC as an accounting intern, but decided to officially join the team in May. Before he joined the team, Kristian was an Aircraft Load Planner at UPS. Although he enjoyed working for UPS, Kristian is majoring in business and accountancy at Rocky Mountain College in Billings, and left UPS to pursue a job in-line with his career choice which led him to join our team.

Kristian is currently working towards his Bachelor of Business Management degree and plans on starting his Master of Accountancy degree within the next year. Outside work, Kristian enjoys planes, cars, the gym, and restoring old technology. Kristian is currently working on restoring a 1984 Pepsi-truck.

Learn more about Kristian below!

What are three words that describe you?

Humors, ambitious, and adventurous.

What is your go to pump up song?

I don't really have any motivational music that I listen to, however, I do have a favorite piece:

Symphony No. 4 in F Major Finale by Tchaikovsky.

If you could send a note to your future self, what would it say?

If I could send a note to my future self, left completely up to my unlimited imagination, I would ask, "how's the weather?"

Where is your favorite place?

My favorite place is out in the middle of nowhere. No people, no distractions, just peace. So long as I know where nowhere is. If not, it's far less enjoyable.

The world could use more...

Kindness, humility, and respect.

What is your motto?

Be happy, but never complacent, because life gives no notice.

SBA Providing Support for Home Owners



The US Small Business Administration (SBA) is providing low interest loans for homeowners and renters impacted by the flood. 211 is aiding in spreading the word for the SBA and providing direction for those looking to use those resources.

[More Information Here](#)

FEMA Uses UWYC Office for Disaster Recovery Center

The State of Montana and the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) will be using UWYC's office space as a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC). The DRC will provide for those impacted by the floods a place to register for aid and get answers about the disaster assistance program. FEMA will be using the complimentary space from on August 3 and be available until early September. Their hours of operation will be Monday-Saturday from 8am-6pm. They will be closed on Sunday. UWYC is proud to be able to provide their space and help our community members recover from the floods.



FEMA

UWYC Fact of the Month

Before becoming United Way of Yellowstone County in 1978, the organization was previously known as United Way of Billings.



YOU CAN!

Visit

www.YouCanVolunteer.org

for current volunteer opportunities!

Does your family, service organization, social group or company want to give back to our community through volunteering? Click the picture above to view current volunteer opportunities in Yellowstone County!

If you would like your organization's opportunities listed, contact Pam at
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