

October 2022

United Moments with UWYC



Thank you to our 2022 CommUnity Rally Sponsors!

Thank you to the generous sponsors of the 2022 CommUnity Rally! We wanted to engage and celebrate the great work of United Way in a different, re-imagined way. The Rally was a huge success for our community with more than 600 in attendance! People celebrated. People connected. People rallied. People gave. People volunteered. People advocated. We couldn't have done it without the support of the following companies!



Operation School Supply 2022



Huge shoutout to all those that donated and volunteered their time to Operation School Supply. It was a huge success and will help students succeed all year long!

"The outpouring of support from the Billings community has been nothing short of remarkable. The generosity of folks makes it possible for students to have the necessary supplies to foster and support their learning. The impact is felt and shared across our district in each of our schools." -Kevin Brook, Homeless Liaison for School District 2 in Billings.

Thanks to generous donors we collect 9,115 items and \$689 for Billings and Laurel schools! We'd also like to shout out the following companies that hosted drives!

- A Haus of Realty
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- Peterson Office
- Rehab Hospital of Montana
- Sanderson Stewart
- Scheels

- Front Porch
- HRDC 7
- KLJ

- St. Thomas Parish
- This House of Books
- West Rotary
- Yellowstone County

Join us for SOCKTOBERFEST



It is time for SOCKTOBERFEST- a Caring in Action Project! Please bring **NEW** socks of all sizes for kids and adults in original packaging now thru October 31st to our office, 2173 Overland Ave during our business hours. Even this small act of kindness can make a huge difference in the lives of our neighbors in keeping them warm this winter. We will be donating collected socks to agencies in need of donations to distribute. Socks are one of the most requested items at homeless shelters; help us ensure these organizations can meet the demand!

Use the buttons below to make a monetary donation or donate through Amazon!

Please contact **Chrissy** for more information or with any questions.

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Volunteers in Action!



Volunteers from **Streeter Brothers Insurance Agency, Lamar Advertising and Wells Fargo Operations Center** participated in a group Day of Caring In Action project, "In Their Shoes." Volunteers made 658 sandwiches for the Salvation Army following their participation in a poverty simulation designed to build awareness of the challenges of living in poverty on a very limited income. Teri Keller with Streeter Brothers Insurance Agency commented, "It was definitely an eye opener. We made sandwiches and did an exercise regarding budgeting our money from month to month."

Community Impact: Your Donations at Work!

YOU'RE INVITED

United Way of Yellowstone County

Partner Agency Information Session

Thursday, October 27
1:00-3:00pm
2173 Overland Ave.



In place of agency tours, UWYC will be gathering the ten agencies at the United Way campus that are recipients of grants from UWYC. Each agency will share about the amazing work they have accomplished through their partnership with UWYC. Thanks to generous support from our donors, UWYC has invested \$288,750 this year into the work of these agencies. Please join us for presentations, videos, stories, and so much more from the following organizations:

- **Adult Resource Alliance**
- **Big Sky Senior Services**
- **Boys and Girls Club of Yellowstone County**
- **CASA of Yellowstone County**
- **Family Service, Inc.**
- **Friendship House**
- **HRDC**
- **Tumbleweed**
- **Young Families Early Head Start**
- **YWCA**

Thank you SCHEELS!



SCHEELS



A huge thank you to SCHEELS for not only providing the band, stage, and sound system for the CommUnity Rally, but for participating in Operation School Supply Drive and **two** Day of Caring in Action projects! We'd also like to shout out our awesome board chair and SCHEELS store lead, Pete Phillippi. His leadership has empowered his employees to be active members of the community and we are inspired by him every day! Thank you again Pete and SCHEELS; we are so lucky to have such an awesome corporate partner!

Seeking Mentors for At Risk Youth

UWYC's Success Mentoring program is in need of mentors! Volunteer during your lunch hour of once per week to help an at risk child set emotional, social, and academic goals to help raise their self esteem and ensure they have a positive school experience. One mentee's caregiver said, "My grandson really enjoys meeting with his mentor and... I feel it really helps him with self-esteem and knowing he is

understood."
Contact **Maia** to sign up to make a difference in a child's life.



Thank you TDS Fiber!



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Thank you to TDS Fiber for sponsoring the food trucks for the CommUnity Rally! Thanks to TDS, guests were able to enjoy food from La Taqueria MT, Big Sky Baked and Loaded, Rollin' Ritos, and Friendship Cafe! It was a hit as all food trucks sold out by the end of the night! Thanks TDS Fiber!

Supporting our Community through Planned Giving

As the end of the year approaches, thoughts turn to charitable giving and the tax benefits that gifts to United Way of Yellowstone County can provide. The advantages of making a contribution at this time are significant. Charitable giving remains one of the most important means of reducing your tax burden. You may wish to consider making an endowment fund gift.

Did you know that you can

- Make a gift by December 31, 2022 and reduce your taxes?
- Make an outright gift to United Way of Yellowstone County and receive a charitable tax deduction for the entire amount if you itemize your deductions?
- Make a larger gift of appreciated securities and avoid capital gains taxes while still obtaining a charitable income tax deduction?

How will my gift embrace the future? Your planned gift will grow as part of United Way of Yellowstone County's Endowment Fund. Proceeds from invested funds will endow future core expenses, so that even more money can be directed to support and grow vital mission work in our community. Our Endowment Fund is permanently invested that will forever be a source of income for United Way of Yellowstone County. You will leave a legacy!

Did you know...

- The 40% Montana Charitable Endowment Tax credit is available to Montana taxpayers for the 2022 tax year.
- Gifts of appreciated stock or mutual funds make wonderful endowment contributions!
- Donors who are at least 70.5 years of age may transfer contributions directly from their IRAs to UWYC. By avoiding taking the income from your IRA, you may also reduce your taxable income

If you have questions about these legacy gift giving options, contact **Kim Lewis** at 406-272-8501.

Monthly Honor Roll

Thank you to the following donors for contributing to improving lives through health, education, and crisis stabilization for those in Yellowstone County.

- Cory Bruce
- Kent & Stacy Dreessen
- Will Faber
- Lauren Glushik
- Nathan Hirsch
- Dr. Robert Hurd
- IBM Retiree Charitable Campaign
- Alec Lee
- Phillips 66 Refinery
- Jason Martin
- Virginia Mermel
- Steven Restad
- Susan Runkle
- Jerry & Karen Rutherford
- Marciela Tello
- James Vorkal
- Tyler Wattles

Want to see your name here? Donate below!

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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 psanderson@uwyellowstone.org or 406.272.8510

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