

June 2022

United Moments with UWYC

UWYC Fact of the Month

Last year, UWYC and Family Promise collected 61,209 diapers, 19,782 wipes, 11 tubes of diaper rash cream, and 326 oz. of formula for the Community Diaper Bank during the Community Diaper Drive for United Way's Day of Action. Join us in our pursuit to fill the Diaper Bank again this year!



United Way Day of Action on June 21st



UNITED WAY DAY OF ACTION
COMMUNITY DIAPER DRIVE
to benefit the Community Diaper Bank housed by Family Promise

June 21 - 12 pm to 5:30 pm
United Way of Yellowstone County
2173 Overland Ave



United Way Day of Action is volunteer activation across all United Way's to mobilize community members to give, advocate, and volunteer for causes that are the most pressing in their community.

Here in Yellowstone County, Day of Action will focus on taking care of the families and children that need support. On average, a child uses 240-320 diapers per month, making the demand for diapers for our youngest community members high.

A Community Diaper Drive will be held on June 21 from 12 pm- 5:30 pm at the United Way office, 2173 Overland Avenue to benefit the Community Diaper Bank housed at Family Promise.

Individuals and organizations are invited to host their own diaper drive and drop off their collections during

the event. Diapers of all sizes, wipes, and monetary donations will be accepted.
CLICK HERE to sign-up to participate and receive more information or contact **Chrissy**.

[Like the Event on Facebook](#)

HRSA Launches Maternal Mental Health Hotline

US Health and Human Services Department's Health Resource and Services Administration (HRSA) has launched the new Maternal Mental Health Hotline. The hotline is designed to offer a variety of support for callers as well as connect them to community based resources and health care providers or telehealth options when needed. The trained counselors who are



culturally and trauma informed can provide brief intervention for expecting and new mothers. Expecting a child, being a new mom, or adding another child to your family can be overwhelming, scary, exhausting, or even anxiety inducing for mothers. Individuals experiencing these strong emotions can call the hotline to get resources they need to help them cope with any emotional unrest.

The hotline is accessible by phone or text at 1-833-9-HELP4MOMS (1-833-943-5746) in both English and Spanish.

[Learn More Here](#)

Family Promise Offers Free Diapers and Formula



The Community Diaper Bank housed by Family Promise of Yellowstone County is offering free diapers and formula for families in need in our community. The Community Diaper Bank is open on Tuesdays from 3:30pm-5:30pm and is located at the Family Promise office, 10 South 26th Street. The Diaper Banks is a drive up service. For more information call 406-294-7432.



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

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

Join us and enjoy:

- Food Trucks
- Soda & Beer
- Yard Games
- Live Music

Summer Child Care Scholarships



The Department of Public Health and Human Services' Early Childhood and Family Support Division is providing scholarships to help cover the costs of summer care for elementary school aged children. Scholarships are limited, one-time grants with a choice of either \$1,500 or \$2,500 per eligible child based on the family's summer care costs. 3,200 scholarships will be awarded across the state. There is no income guidelines, but the following requirements must be met:

- parent(s)/guardian(s) must be working
- child(ren) must be entering K-5th grade in Fall 2022
- must submit proof of summer care or summer program arrangements
- families on Best Beginnings Scholarships are ineligible

Scholarships are first come first serve so act fast! The last day to apply is June 3rd.

[Apply Here](#)

UWYC Hosts DEI Convening

On May 13th, UWYC hosted a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) convening for non-profits in Yellowstone County. The group discussed DEI issues occurring in Yellowstone County and within their organizations. Attending members identified marginalized groups within the community and brainstormed ways that they could as individuals and as organizations could help better serve these members of our community and what needed to be achieved in order to do so.



The group aims to keep the conversation going by creating a space for non-profits to discuss DEI challenges and successes in the sector. UWYC is dedicated to promoting DEI within the organization and within the community.

With other like minded nonprofits, UWYC hopes to help build a community that is not only able to meet the

Thank you to our CARE Carnival Sponsors!

A huge thank you to the companies that generously provided supplies and donated to our CARE summer carnival! We couldn't do it without you!



Staff Spotlight: Meet Kelsie



Please join us in welcoming Kelsie Verlin, our new Campaign and Communications Coordinator. Kelsie joined the team in early April after moving from Fort Collins, Colorado where she was attending Colorado State University pursuing her master's degree. She attended Carroll College in Helena prior to attending CSU and was eager to get back to Montana. Kelsie is in charge of coordinating our annual workplace campaign, as well as all things related to marketing.

Kelsie and her dog Niko are enjoying getting to explore Billings. They like to spend their time at the dog park, going on walks with friends (both dog and human), or cuddled up on the couch

enjoying a movie. Kelsie also loves attending concerts, especially outdoor country concerts. Learn more about Kelsie below!

What are three words that describe you?

Happy, hard-working, and caring.

What is your go to pump up song?

You Proof by Morgan Wallen

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

You're stronger than you think.

Where is your favorite place?

Disneyland

The world could use more...

Patience

What is your motto?

Make it a great day.

Eide Bailly Volunteers Help Prepare for the CARE Carnival

A group of awesome volunteers from Eide Bailly helped us prepare for our upcoming CARE carnival. The group spent their morning packing candy into prize bags, building five portable raised bed gardens, creating signs for the different booths that will be at the carnival, and cutting out fish for the



fishing booth. A huge thank you to these awesome volunteers! If you or your company are looking for volunteer opportunities with UWYC please contact Pam.

UWYC Annual Meeting

Please join us virtually on Thursday, June 23 at 12:15 for our United Way Annual Meeting. Our board and staff will give the community updates around our highlights from the past year, financial picture, board recognition, and goals for the coming year. This meeting will be held through Microsoft Teams and is free to attend. Email **Kim** to RSVP and receive the link.



Reduced Price Youth Pool Passes Now Available



Billings Parks and Recreation is offering reduced youth pool passes for low income families to have access to the South Park Pool and Rose Park Pool this summer. The reduced price of \$5 per pass will be offered to children aged 5-16 as children 4 and under are free. The South Park Pool pass will be a season pass and the Rose Park Pool pass can be used for 20 pool days during the season. To apply visit the Billings Parks and Recreation Office on 4th Avenue to complete an application. Pools open on June 8th so get your passes soon!

Happy Pride Month from UWYC



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Government Internet Assistance



The US Government has launched the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) to help low income households pay for internet services and connected devices such as a laptop or tablet. If your household

income is below 200% of the Federal Poverty Line or if you or someone you live with receives government benefits such as SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, WIC, Pell Grant, or Free and Reduced Lunch. If eligible, you can receive:

- Up to \$30/month discount on your internet service
- Up to \$75/month discount if your household is on qualifying Tribal lands
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer
- A low cost service plan that may be fully covered

For more information or to see if your household qualifies check out the ACP website [here](#).

CARE Summer Program Planning Underway!

Our CARE site coordinators were in the office to meet with our Out-of-Time School Manager to plan the CARE summer program. The CARE summer program will have 35 staff engaging 170-185 students across five different locations. The team was busy at work discussing field trip options and logistics, activities for the children, and ways to make the summer program the best one yet!



Monthly Honor Roll

Shout out to these donors who have invested in Yellowstone County's health, education, and financial stability efforts this month! We appreciate your support and generosity!

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Nathan Hirsch
Pacific Source
Paul Mcculloch
Phil & Linda Stalling

Steven Restad
Target Stores
US Bank
Yellowstone Surgery Center

See Your Name Here Next Month



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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