

United Way of Yellowstone County

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May 2022

United Moments with UWYC

UWYC Fact of the Month

UWYC introduced Reach Out and Read to Yellowstone County in 2014! Since then 48,740 books have been given to children 6 months-5 years, free of charge, during their well-child checks!



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



Save the date and join us for the inaugural CommUnity Rally—a fabulous start to our Fall Workplace Giving Campaign and the celebration of Days of Caring activities. The entire community is invited to enjoy live music, food trucks, and kids' activities. Additionally, our partner nonprofit agencies will be on hand to discuss their work, and show their relationship with United Way.

We are looking for sponsors and food trucks. Let Kim know if you would like to get involved.

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Leadership Donor Reception

Our Leadership Donor reception honored those individuals in the community who showed great generosity during our annual campaign. These individuals are true leaders in Yellowstone County and make it possible for us to help thousands of



Kristie and Chris Jessop join our Volunteer Center Director, Pam Sanderson, during our reception.

families and individuals each year. Their support allows us to help children succeed in school, keep families and individuals from facing crisis, and promote senior independence.

Thank you again to our leadership donors!

Yellowstone County awards \$214,000 Emergency Food & Shelter



United Way of Yellowstone County acts as the local administrator for the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program and coordinates with a local board to distribute the Federal funds.

Recently, Yellowstone County was awarded nearly \$214,000 for the purpose of supplementing existing emergency food and shelter programs in the county. United Way is honored to play a vital role in making sure these dollars create a lasting impact in our community and we thank our local volunteer board for their guidance and service.

Day of Action is Coming!

DAY OF ACTION **COMMUNITY DIAPER DRIVE**
June 21, 2022
12-5:30PM
2173 Overland Ave

Join United Way of Yellowstone County and Family Promise in our pursuit to fill our Community Diaper Bank!

United Way Day of Action, occurring each year in the summer, is United Way’s annual volunteer activation in communities around the world.

The Day of Action event in Yellowstone County will be a Community Diaper Drive again this year. In 2020, the Community Diaper Bank gave out 90,000 diapers and in 2021 the number grew to 300,000.

Everyone is invited to make a difference for families of young children---- individuals, groups from businesses, churches, organizations, neighborhoods. **CLICK HERE** to register to help us know who will be joining in, donating, or to learn more.

When It Comes to Change, We Focus on What Works



At United Way of Yellowstone County, we are committed to supporting families so they can put food on the table, pay the bills – and help their children thrive. Programs like Best Beginnings and Montana 211 help give Yellowstone County community members the support they need to build a stronger foundation for the future. Financial stability and economic mobility means more than individuals having a job; it’s also about community-wide prosperity. That’s why we partner with private, public and non-profit sectors to provide job training and coaching, as well as financial coaching and more.

Learn More

UWYC at Career Fairs

We have been out at local career fairs throughout the month of April to let community members know of career, internship, and volunteer opportunities. As a result, we have all but one position filled and are on track to have enough staff to open another CARE Academy site this summer! Find out how you can be a part of our team [here](#).



CARE Carnival Needs YOU

Our CARE Summer Carnival is set for June 4th from 10am-2pm and is fast approaching! To make this carnival the best it can be for our CARE students and community, we need your support. We are in need of volunteers for each of the activities listed. Please check out our volunteer sign up sheet for shift times and contact **Michelle** to sign up!

- Dunk Tank
- Mini Golf
- Football Throw
- Face Painting
- Fishing Booth
- Pepsi Wheel
- Angry Birds Slingshot
- Book Walk
- Puppet Theatre
- Discover Zone Crafts
- Water gun Shoot
- Dig for Treasure
- Prize Booth
- BBQ



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[Sign-up Here](#)

Staff Spotlight: Meet Whitney



Please join us in welcoming Whitney Fraedrich, our new Youth Development Coordinator. Whitney is a Billings native and graduated from West High School. Previously, Whitney was onboarded at our Boulder CARE site before moving to our Big Sky CARE site where she worked for two years. In her new role, she will now be overseeing our middle school Discover Zone Program as well as assisting our Out-of-School Time Manager, Michelle Lamberson, by providing support with the administrative demand of our CARE Program.

Whitney lives with her boyfriend and two cats and enjoys spending her time diving into true crime stories. Whether it be a podcast, book, documentary or any other form of media; if it involves true crime- Whitney will enjoy it! We are excited to have Whitney join the team in her new role. Learn more about Whitney below.

What are three words that describe you?

Fun, creative, and interesting.

What is your go to pump up song?

Anything by Ariana Grande.

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

Stop worrying so much.

Where is your favorite place?

Anywhere my family is.

The world could use more...

Kindness.

What is your motto?

It'll all work out.

Celebrate Older Americans Month

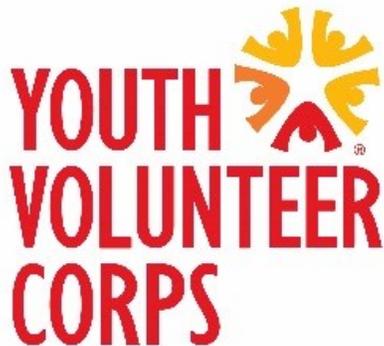


May is Older Americans month. Check out one of our partner organization, Big Sky Senior Services, who are hosting their Dancing with the Stars event. Nine teams will be showing off their dance moves on May 14th at the Babcock Theater starting at 6pm.

Big Sky Senior Services offers comprehensive support services to help elders and developmentally disabled adults to maintain their independence and quality of life by providing homemaking, case management or daily phone support.

To learn more, buy your tickets, or cast your votes check out [Big Sky Senior Services' website](#).

Youth Volunteer Corps...Spread the Word



Please share this information with the youth you know in the community. This community-wide, service-learning program, sponsored by United Way's Volunteer Center, is now encouraging and accepting applications from youth ages 11-18. Learn about the community, build skills for life and careers, engage in group volunteer projects. **Information and Application can be found here.**

UWYC Attends DEII Conference



UWYC was able to attend and have an informational table at the first Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Impact (D.E.I.I) Leadership conference organized by the **William B. Henry Experience** in April.

Our staff members were able to attend four 70-minute programs each discussing different sectors of D.E.I.I. here in Yellowstone County. The event also included a panel of student athletes from Rocky Mountain College and Montana State University Billings who gave insight on how we can better our community to encourage students to stay in Billings once they have completed their schooling.

Diversity, equity and inclusion are vital to achieving the mission of UWYC, living our values, and advancing

the common good. UWYC is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion within its own organization and the community. UWYC affirms the essence of all individuals including the realities, background, experiences, skills and perspectives that make each person who they are.

United Way of Yellowstone County is excited to continue the conversation with other non-profits in the area in the field of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion during our convening of nonprofit leaders on May 13th at 2:30pm. If you would like more information or to RSVP click [here](#).

UWYC Launches Real Estate Roundup

Our first ever industry specific campaign, Real Estate Roundup, has officially launched. This campaign will run from May 1-June 30. Kent Ickes, a member of our resource development committee and Real Estate agent at Century 21, had the idea to connect UWYC to the Real Estate community. We are excited to engage with the Real Estate industry in Yellowstone County and look forward to creating positive, lasting change with their help.

REAL ESTATE



ROUNDUP

Real Estate affiliates partnering to make Yellowstone County a better home for all



[Click here to learn more](#)

CARE Summer Program

CARE Academy offers a summer program for K-5 students for the 2022-2023 school year. The program provides a safe place for children during summer months under the supervision of qualified and caring adults. This program includes opportunities for hands-on enrichment activities, field trips, guest speakers, fun physical activities, healthy snacks, and relaxation time. The summer program will be offered Monday through Friday from 6:30am-6:45pm from June 13- August 12. For more information please email [Michelle](#).



CARE SUMMER PROGRAM

Registration Now Open!

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!

Anvil
Associated Food Stores
Billings Public Schools
Enterprise Rent-A-Car
Jim & Lin Roscoe

IBM Corp
JPMorgan Chase & CO. Bank
Mark B. Dimich
Merrill Lynch
ONEOK, Inc.

Pacific Source
Samuel Truax
Steven Restad
Target Sotres
Yellowstone County Republican Women

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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