

MEDIA RELEASE

United Way of Yellowstone County Calls on Community to Collect School Supplies for Students in Need



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As our local students apprehensively settle into another school year, United Way of Yellowstone County once again has its heart aimed at serving students in need.

United Way of Yellowstone County hosts its annual Operation Supply drive by calling on local businesses and individuals to collect and donate school supplies and hygiene items in an effort to combat the obstacles that can keep a child from learning. The supplies are used to stock local school pantries that are accessed throughout the year to help students in need.

Buying school supplies can be difficult for families already struggling to pay their bills or keep a roof over their head. The average teacher spends \$500-1,000 of her or his own money on classroom and school supplies, especially for students whose families have difficulty purchasing supplies.

Kim Lewis, President & CEO of United Way of Yellowstone County states: “Our goal with Operation Supply is to ensure that every child is equipped to succeed in the classroom. The generosity of the business community and local individuals helps make this goal possible.”

The UWYC garage doors will be open at 2173 Overland Ave for donors to drive in and drop off with limited contact on September 16 during regular business hours. Donors are encouraged to pre-sort and count their items prior to drop off.

United Way of Yellowstone County is also encouraging those who are unable to make it to the event to consider a one-time cash donation that will be used to purchase any gaps in supplies. Donations can be made safely and securely through their website: https://bit.ly/donate_supplies

Those interested in participating in Operation Supply can visit www.unitedwayyellowstone.org/operationsupply for more information and for a list of needed supplies.

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