



November 2022

## United Moments with UWYC

### Happy Thanksgiving

What is your favorite part of the Holiday season? Watching the snow from the warmth of your home? Baking? Lots and lots of eating? Spending time with loved ones? For me, it's the perfect opportunity to reflect on gratitude. As we gather with family, biological or chosen, we are reminded that blessings like a health, a safe place to call home, and food on the table are gifts that many struggle to maintain.

I am so thankful for each of you who support the mission of United Way—making a difference for our vulnerable neighbors.

Because of you, and the work you do, we have seen tremendous strides in impact and advocacy to support health, education, financial stability, and equity in 2022. I am honored to join you, our donors, our community partners, volunteers, our dedicated staff, and Board to continue being a beacon of hope in Yellowstone County.

There is nothing we cannot do together, United always, in all ways.

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

Kim Lewis, CEO



### Campaign Season is Here!

Is your organization running a Workplace Giving Campaign yet? Workplace Giving Campaigns enhance employee relationships, provide a way for employees to improve their community, help develop team-building skills, and boost morale as employees learn to set goals, work together, and achieve positive results. Every company in Yellowstone County is eligible to run a campaign. Want to know more? ASK US! We would be glad to answer any questions you have.

A little snapshot into what our “small but mighty” United Way is capable with your support over the last year:

- Over the last year we have invested \$247,000 in 10 nonprofits in Yellowstone County.
- We've operated 8 summer, before, and after-school programs, providing 350 students in Billings and Laurel with a safe space while their caregiver works.
- Our Reach Out and Read program has distributed over 13,000 new books to children in our community.
- Our Operation School Supply brought in nearly 14,000 hygiene and school items for children to access all year round to ensure success in school.

If your company is not in a position to run a Workplace Giving Campaign but would like to invest in United Way's work in our community, we can help direct your donation to one our programs:

- Reach Out and Reach: early learning literacy program
- SOCKTOBERFEST: sock drive for local organizations to meet the demand of socks during the winter months.
- Emergency Food and Shelter Fund: grants to help individuals avoid homelessness and food insecurity.
- Access to healthcare and mental health services through Montana 2-1-1.

Contact Kelsie at [campaign@uwyellowstone.org](mailto:campaign@uwyellowstone.org) to get started today!

[Learn More Here](#)

## Join us for SOCKTOBERFEST



While SOCKTOBERFEST was scheduled to end on October 31, we will be still accepting donations until November 15. We are so grateful for the response our community has given us with the donations we have already received. These donations will make a big difference in the lives of our neighbors in need. If you have any questions please reach out to Chrissy at [volcoord@uwyellowstone.org](mailto:volcoord@uwyellowstone.org).

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## Volunteers in Action!



An example of one of the 10 activities to explore

Thank you, Phillips 66 for providing a sponsorship and employee volunteers to build a United Way Born Learning Trail at ZooMontana. Also, a special thank you to ZooMontana for their participation in this effort. Phillips 66 recently completed the final touches on the trail as their United Way Caring in Action project. The trail features a series of 10 interactive signs that offer fun, active learning activities for adults to engage in with young children.

## BARNES & NOBLE HOLIDAY BOOK DRIVE

530 S 24th St. W.

**NOV. 1 - DEC. 5**

- Purchase a book in store for a child in need
- Books will be distributed by UWYC to local agencies



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**LIVE UNITED**



UWYC is teaming up with Barnes and Noble to hold our annual holiday book drive. Between now and December 5th, stop by Barnes and Noble to purchase a book to be donated to a child in need this holiday season. For more information, contact **Maia**.

**Join Our Board of Directors!**



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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!

We are looking for engaged community members to join our Board of Directors. If you have a passion for UWYC and helping our community, we would love to hear from you!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO APPLY PLEASE CONTACT OUR CEO KIM LEWIS**

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 406.272.8501



UWYC currently has 3 open board seats! If you're passionate about our work and our community, please consider joining us. Please contact **Kim** for more information.

### Thank you, Pepsi!



# pepsi

A huge thank you to Pepsi Bottling Co. owner, Tom Dimich, who not only added some awesome socks to our SOCKTOBERFEST sock drive, but who's generous individual and corporate donation earned him a spot in our Tocqueville Society. Thank you very much to Tom and Pepsi for being such amazing community partners!

**United We Vote!**

# UNITED WE VOTE



Election season is underway! UWYC would like to encourage all community members to get out and vote in local, state, and federal elections. Advocating for your community starts with ensuring the right politicians are in office. Use your ballot to raise your voice!

## Beets on the Streets!

Healthy By Design (HBD) launched Beets on the Streets! If you didn't, HBD has placed a series of 3D printed beet sculptures around Billings that can be found by solving the "Haik-lues". Grab your family and try to find all 12 beet places around downtown and the medical corridors! To see the Haik-lues and learn more, visit **Billings Beets on the Streets**.



## 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.

- Jennifer Atkinson
- James Bennett
- Diane Brown
- Angelito Bullock
- Wendy Carlin
- Angel Chacon
- Melissa Chameraud
- Cathy Claxton
- Holly Clemow
- Tom Dimich
- Tina Drain
- ExxonMobil
- Cynthia Foster
- Peggy Good
- Joe & Tanya Halligan
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- Kim Jacobs
- Sheanna Larson
- Ann McCulloch
- Jena Medina
- Joshua Monson
- Andrew Morrissette
- Pepsi Bottling Co.
- Phillips 66
- Raytheon
- Becki Risser
- Renee Tostengard
- Lewis & Karen Vowell
- Micheal Walz

Want to see your name here? Donate below!

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WHOOOO CAN VOLUNTEER?

**YOU CAN!**

Visit [www.YouCanVolunteer.org](http://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!

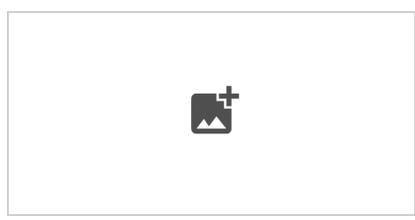
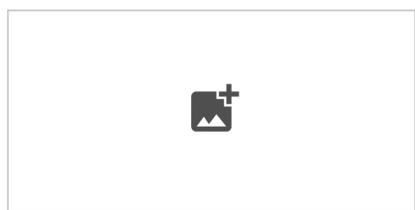
If you would like your organization's opportunities listed, contact Pam at [psanderson@uwyellowstone.org](mailto:psanderson@uwyellowstone.org) or 406.272.8510

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