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Uniting People, Sharing Resources, Improving Lives in Southwest Wyoming.

VISION

United Way of Southwest Wyoming will create sustainable and measurable results to improve lives through collaborative leadership and address critical community issues. United Way is working to advance the common good by focusing on education, health, and basic needs.

Our goal is to create long-lasting changes that prevent problems from happening in the first place. We invite you to be a part of the change.

Together, united, we can inspire hope and create opportunities for a better tomorrow.

That's what it means to **LIVE UNITED.**



REDUCING TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS

IMPACT AREA: BASIC NEEDS

Getting to the dentist shouldn't be hard. But for the five residents of **Lincoln Self Reliance (LSR)** who have limited mobility, lack of adequate transportation often meant skipping critical appointments. Thanks to United Way the team at LSR and their clients no longer have to worry. Through funding from United Way, LSR has expanded its transportation services including purchasing vehicles with lifts and more space. The vehicles made it possible for LSR team members to reduce transportation barriers for their clients and ease the stress of families.

One of the guardians of an LSR client said, *"Without the capability of your vehicles and support staff my daughter would not be able to attend her dental procedures in safety and comfort."*

Ensuring everyone has their basic needs met is one way donations to United Way help keep our community thriving.



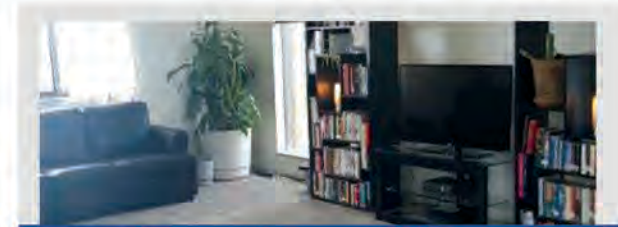
SUPPORTING STRONGER SENIORS

IMPACT AREA: HEALTH

Maintaining independence can be very important to many seniors. During COVID-19 that became harder. To stay safe many seniors had to stay in their homes. The result sometimes was the deterioration of their physical and mental health. **Young at Heart In-Home Services** is helping seniors regain what they lost.

During COVID-19 one Southwest Wyoming senior was unable to attend physical therapy sessions and became too weak to keep up with cleaning her house and cooking meals. Through funding from United Way, Young at Heart In-Home Services was able to connect the woman with cleaning and grocery services, in-home healthcare and a rollator to help her regain mobility. The woman is now able to walk around her home and prepare a few meals. Most important to her, she's able to walk outside and feel the sun on her face.

Caring for seniors – and everyone's – health is one way donations to United Way keep our community strong.



HELPING ALL KIDS THRIVE

IMPACT AREA: EDUCATION

When kids get off track, the right interventions can make all the difference. **Youth Alternative Home Association (YAHA)** provides young people the opportunity to receive education, guidance and support that will foster positive change and allow youth to be better prepared and successful when they return home or become independent. Funding from United Way ensures YAHA can help more young people in Southwest Wyoming.

Recently a 16-year-old female found herself in a troubling spot. She was not doing well academically and was on the verge of expulsion after bringing a vape pen to school. After working with Youth Diversion she was referred to the YAHA Youth Shelter. At YAHA the young woman spent time reflecting on the direction of her life, improved academically, got a part-time job and completed all her YAHA requirements. She also created a plan so she can better manage negative peer pressure.

Ensuring all kids have opportunities to thrive is one way donations to United Way help keep our community's future bright.

A DAY OF BUNKERS AND BIRDIES FOR BOOKS!



When community comes together everyone can thrive! That was the case once again as local businesses and lovers of golf teamed up to raise money for the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, a program United Way runs in Southwest Wyoming. Together, players and sponsors raised **\$16,440** so children can continue to receive **one free book a month from birth to age five.**

"Thanks to the generous support of this community, we've mailed nearly **27,000 books** to kids in our region! Having books in the home from an early age helps kids develop an interest in reading and the strong literacy skills they'll need for life. All the players at the golf tournament are a big part of keeping this program going,"

Kelly Frink
Executive Director
United Way of Southwest Wyoming

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We're improving lives in Southwest Wyoming from the very start. When babies have access to clean diapers it keeps them healthy. When those diapers are free for parents who are working hard but struggling to get by, it eases financial and emotional stress. **United Way Community Diaper Banks of Southwest Wyoming** provides free diapers to families in our region. We work with individuals, community organizations and elected officials to identify neighbors who need diapers and make sure their needs are met. United Way Community Diaper Banks of Southwest Wyoming is part of the National Diaper Bank Network.

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