



2018 United Way Work Place Giving Campaign

Reach Out. Change Lives.

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FAQ's

How Does United Way Work?

- ◆ **United Way's core initiatives support projects to enhance self sufficiency by giving a hand up not a hand out. We focus on helping people who are working hard but struggle to meet their basic needs or to get ahead. Our goal is to foster dignity and respect while striving to improve our community.**
- ◆ **With 68 years of experience in Northwest Montana and working with over 100 community partner agencies, United Way has a unique perspective in understanding the needs of our community. We can use that experience and those relationships to direct funds to those most in need - making the greatest impact.**
- ◆ **United Way responds to LOCAL community needs. We raise LOCAL dollars which are then invested in services for our LOCAL neighbors and friends who need assistance.**
- ◆ **99% of all the funds raised STAY in your local community!**
- ◆ **Last year United Way Community Impact organizations provided over 35,934 acts of assistance to those in need.**

How Much Of My Donation Goes To Direct Services?

- ◆ **100% of every personal contribution works to improve lives and help those in need in our community! There are no processing fees!**
- ◆ **United Way constantly works to keep its administrative and fund raising rates low. Thanks to the generosity of our Cornerstone Partners who provide the resources for United Way's cost of doing business.**

What Agencies Can Receive My Gift?

- ◆ **The "Community Impact Fund" on the back of your pledge card supports all the services in the county in which you live and work. Example: If you select the Community Impact Fund and you live and work in Flathead County your gift will go only to the Flathead County section of the brochure.**
- ◆ **You can direct your donation to be designated to one or more agencies of your choice on the back of your United Way pledge card. You can choose United Way Community Impact agencies or services in Lake, Lincoln, Sanders or Glacier Counties or Local Affiliated Agencies, or any of the Montana Shares agencies or any other non-profit of your choice with a valid IRS 501(c)3.**

Who Decides Where & How Much Agencies Receive If I Choose The Community Impact Fund?

- ◆ Community Impact Agencies receive donor designated gifts at 100% of your donation. The balance of the Community Impact Fund goes towards supporting agencies under this category. Local volunteers help determine where the dollars you donate are spent. This year 50 community members participated in the local process to give their input.

What Are My Options To Make A Donation?

- ◆ Ways to contribute:
 - ✓ Payroll deduction through your company
 - ✓ A gift at the time of the campaign
 - ✓ Direct billing at your home address
 - ✓ One of four credit card options
 - ✓ Electronic fund transfer at a bank
 - ✓ Donate stocks or other property
- ◆ If you choose to donate to United Way through payroll deduction, your gift will not start coming out of your paycheck until January 2019.

Do You Release My Personal Information To My Designated Agency?

- ◆ That is your choice! On the back of your pledge card you tell United Way if you would like your name and address released to the agencies you choose through the campaign.

What Should I Do If I Want To Change My Donation?

- ◆ Please call the United Way office at 752-7266! We are happy to accommodate any changes. To change the agency you donate to, however, the request must be received no later than February 28, 2019. United Way will also coordinate all changes with your payroll department.

How Do I Check The Status And/Or Verify If My Designated Agency Has Received My Gift?

- ◆ Designated agencies receive the designation information from donors so they can thank you for your gift, unless you indicate a wish to remain anonymous. You can receive personalized service on the status of your gift by contacting United Way at 406.752.7266 or 1.888.720.7266 toll free or at fiscal@unitedwaycares.org

How Is United Way Held Accountable?

- ◆ The most valuable asset we have is the trust people have in our ability to meet community needs. We are audited each year by an independent accounting firm to ensure we are in compliance with generally accepted accounting procedures, regulations and laws. We strive to meet the philanthropic goals of our donors and we offer a donor satisfaction.
- ◆ United Way holds itself and the community agencies who receive funds to a high standard of accountability to help ensure your gift is used efficiently.

How Does United Way Comply With The Patriot Act?

- ◆ The USA Patriot Act is an Act of Congress signed into law by George W. Bush on October 26, 2001 to aid law enforcement in the battle against terrorism. United Way is in full compliance with this act and requires all agencies receiving United Way funds to certify that they comply with anti-terrorism financing and asset control laws.



Community Impact

7,531	youth participated in activities through youth development programs
9,313	crisis line calls provided urgent help and support
11,123	individuals received donated food to prepare nutritious meals
4,054	referrals were made for 3,352 people in need by United Way agencies
104	youth in crisis received 5,045 days of residential care
171	parents completed 342 hours of parenting classes to become a stronger family
23,200	nights of temporary emergency shelter touched the lives of 621 people
7,231	teenagers participated in 1,414 alcohol, tobacco & other drug prevention activities
185	people benefited from 1,240 hours of one-to-one counseling
107,734	hot meals were prepared for 901 people in emergency shelters
16,232	hours of tutoring enabled 332 adults to improve reading, do math, or learn English
3,201	individuals were matched in 1 to 1 relationships with a community volunteer
643	people were provided items of clothing and diapers
1,731	children participated in after school enrichment programs
6,868	youth, adults, and senior citizens volunteered 497,469 hours in our community
339	individuals received household goods
587	children received 140,280 hours of child care scholarships
642	clients were transported 41,713 miles
12,217	adults and children gained a voice through 14,220 hours of advocacy services
127	people with disabilities were assisted by 2,013 hours of independent living services
189	individuals found comfort while attending 1,109 hours of support groups
1,546	senior tax returns were prepared for free, totaling \$966,000 in refunds
1,060	presentations enhanced the community's awareness of human services

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Member Agencies

PARTNERS IN CHANGING LIVES



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26 PAYROLL PERIODS

- \$2 a pay check = \$ 52 = alleviates hunger for 2 families who receive free food to prepare 10 nutritious meals
- \$4 a pay check = \$104 = shelters a veteran who is homeless for a month
- \$6 a pay check = \$156 = advocates in court on behalf of a foster child who experienced abuse and/or neglect
- \$8 a pay check = \$208 = supports 4 adults with a developmental disability to meet their daily living needs
- \$10 a pay check = \$260 = stabilizes the life of a youth in crisis through an emergency shelter, in a homelike setting
- \$15 a pay check = \$390 = builds character and improves confidence and courage in 2 girls through scouting
- \$20 a pay check = \$520 = advances the independence of a person with a severe disability to live a quality life
- \$25 a pay check = \$650 = provides 24-hour residential treatment for a teen with mental health issues for a week
- \$30 a pay check = \$780 = mentors 3 youth matched with a caring adult in a life-transforming relationship
- \$35 a pay check = \$910 = sponsors 2 children from low income families in preschool for one month

United Way 2017 Acts of Assistance Flathead County	Bigfork/ Yellow Bay	Canyon Area	Columbia Falls	Kalispell Kila Marion	Lakeside Somers	Whitefish Olney	Other & Transients	Outlying Counties	TOTAL
Abbie Shelter/Violence Free Crisis Line	15	130	100	500	30	1,651	0	60	1,000
211 - Help Net	0	0	0	6,200	0	0	0	0	6,200
AARP & VITA Tax Service	0	0	0	2,507	0	0	0	0	2,507
Big Brothers & Sisters	0	4	5	95	1	4	0	0	109
Boys & Girls Club	0	0	243	0	0	0	0	0	243
Boy Scouts	62	4	96	343	30	48	0	343	926
CASA For Kids	0	15	18	206	8	19	1	1	268
Flathead Food Bank	144	382	566	5,981	123	226	0	151	7,573
Flathead Youth Home	1	0	6	40	1	3	9	23	83
Fox Creek	0	1	0	7	2	1	2	7	20
Gateway Community Center	0	0	0	347	0	0	0	0	347
Girl Scouts	19	0	84	233	0	47	0	383	766
Head Start	5	18	47	118	3	8	0	17	216
Leaders of Tomorrow	4	1	6	274	4	2	0	1	292
Literacy Center of Northwest Montana	0	0	0	2,111	0	0	0	0	1,111
Mental Health Crisis Line	0	0	0	2,625	0	0	0	0	2,625
Nurturing Center	0	0	0	9,168	0	0	0	1,635	10,803
Samaritan House	9	5	12	423	4	7	92	24	576
Special Friends Advocacy Program	1	0	0	26	0	2	0	0	29
Summit Independent Living Center	4	1	13	96	3	15	0	29	161
United Way Volunteer Center	0	0	0	79	0	0	0	0	79
TOTAL	264	562	1,196	31,379	209	547	104	2,674	35,934

- (dash) Indicates that the agency does not collect town or county data, only total participants.

2018 UNITED WAY COMMUNITY IMPACT AGENCIES

Northwest Montana United Way - Serves Flathead, Lake, Lincoln, Glacier, and Sanders Counties. Provides services and programs to assist agencies based on current community needs.

Abbie Shelter/Violence Free Crisis Line - Promotes safety, independence and empowerment to survivors of domestic and sexual violence through emergency shelter, 24-hour crisis hotline, legal advocacy, and mental health services.

Big Brothers Big Sisters - Matches youth with carefully screened mentors in life-transforming friendships that promote positive social, emotional, and behavioral growth.

Boy Scouts - We prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Glacier Country - To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring & responsible citizens.

CASA For Kids - Community volunteers trained as guardian ad litem's advocate for children who are in the court system due to abuse or neglect.

Flathead Food Bank - Provides emergency food assistance to families experiencing food insecurity. Our pantries or mobile bus serve everyone that winds up at our door in need.

Flathead Youth Home - Crisis stabilization in a home-like setting for youth, ages 10-18, due to circumstances which put themselves or the community at risk.

Fox Creek Group Home - This program provides treatment to assist adults in managing their mental illness in order to live independently in the community.

Girl Scouts - Every K-12 Girl is welcome. We build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Head Start - Early childhood services to limited-income children and families through education, health, disability, and social services. Centers: Kalispell, North Valley (Columbia Falls, Canyon, Whitefish), Eureka.

Literacy Center of Northwest Montana - Promotes literacy and provides individualized learning programs for adults and children. Our goal is to empower participants seeking social, professional and life-long learning skills.

Mental Health Crisis Line - Provides crisis intervention by licensed mental health professionals by responding 24 hours a day to mental health emergencies within the community.

Nurturing Center - A comprehensive family resource center strengthening families by offering education, support groups, mentors, home visiting, supervised parenting, nutrition, childcare assistance, and provider training.

Samaritan House - Serves individuals and families in Northwest Montana who are homeless and persons needing transitional living with the basic needs of food, shelter, and clothing.

Special Friends Advocacy - Provides volunteer services to persons with developmental disabilities, self-advocacy, assistance with daily living needs, advocacy, diversity education and experience, social activities, transportation, and community awareness.

Summit Independent Living - Advance the independence and civil rights of people with disabilities by building awareness and advocating positive change in our communities.

2018 UNITED WAY INITIATIVES

2-1-1 - Information and crisis referral service for Northwest Montana including referrals to agencies, counselors, and community resources.

AARP & VITA Tax Aide - Free tax preparation assistance by IRS trained volunteers, January - April, for taxpayers with low or moderate incomes.

Best Beginnings Community Council - Supports social, emotional, and mental health needs of young children and families. Promotes strategic communication, outreach, alignment, and collaboration among community agencies.

Disaster Care Services - United Way coordinates voluntary non-profit resources within Flathead County during a disaster.

Gateway Community Center - A one-stop human service campus in Kalispell where 18 nonprofit agencies offer services to those in need.

Grocery Delivery Program - Weekly grocery delivery for senior citizens or persons with disabilities who have limited incomes, are unable to shop for themselves, and have no transportation.

Leaders of Tomorrow - Leadership development program for high school Juniors and Seniors introducing them to community issues, volunteers, industry, and government.

Payee & Disability Services - Provides payee services to person who have disabilities.

Teens In Crisis - Intervention services for troubled teens and resources for their parents. Offers caring, confidential programs for teens and families who are in crisis.

United Way Volunteer Center - Providing volunteer opportunities for youth and adults to make a difference in their community through volunteer activities.

2018 LOCAL AFFILIATED AGENCIES

A.L.E.R.T. - Air ambulance for those individuals and families who need emergency medical care and helicopter transport in Northwest Montana.

Audubon Society - Flathead - Free bird watching field trips, programs, classroom support, nature education for all ages to develop understanding and appreciation of our natural world.

Braveheart Chaplain Ministry - Chaplain assistance for emergency responders, their families, and citizens affected by trauma, loss or crisis in the Flathead Valley.

Brendan House - Provides high quality, transitional and long-term skilled and intermediate care to patients and residents of all ages in a distinctively homelike, caring, and comfortable environment.

Cancer Support Survivorship - Provides support for the entire family - adults, youth, couples, and families.

Catholic Social Services of Montana - Counseling services to pregnant women and to families in Montana exploring adoption. Provides adoption searches for past adoptions and limited assistance to young families.

Community Action Partnership (Northwest MT Human Resources) - Provides services and advocacy to improve lives and strengthen our communities. Our programs promote self-sufficiency and independence for individuals and families in Northwest Montana.

Flathead 4-H Foundation - Supports a progressive, educationally based 4-H youth program in Flathead County. All adult mentors within the organization are volunteers.

Flathead Cancer Aid Services - We provide financial assistance to minimize the burden that is directly attributed to the individual's cancer diagnoses. Funds are used to pay daily living expenses.

Flathead Community Health Center - Provides medical, dental, family planning and behavioral health services on a sliding fee scale to ensure access to healthcare.

Florence Crittenton Home & Services - A therapeutic, compassionate, and healing environment for young families to develop healthy life and parenting skills through comprehensive residential and community services.

Foys to Blacktail Trails - Secures permanent public access to the trails and open spaces connecting Herron Park to Blacktail Mountain.

Friendship House - Non profit assisted living home providing alternative care for low income adults in a homelike atmosphere at a reduced cost.

FVCC Foundation - Provides scholarship support enabling students to gain access to education. Raises funds to enrich programming and provide opportunities for the entire community.

Girls On The Run Flathead Valley - Dedicated to creating a world where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential and is free to boldly pursue her dreams.

Glacier Institute - Serves adults and children as Northwest Montana's educational leader using hiking trails in Glacier National Park and Flathead National Forest as its outdoor classroom.

Hope Pregnancy Ministries - Empowers men, women, and families through parenting education, material resources, free pregnancy diagnosis, options education, and free and low cost STD testing and treatment.

Hospice Bereavement Support - Provides counseling for loss and grief related to a death. Bereavement groups, individual counseling and education are provided to the community.

Humane Society of Northwest Montana - Provides a caring and safe environment for dogs and cats until they can be united with a forever home.

Immanuel Lutheran Communities/Immanuel Foundation - The Immanuel Lutheran Foundation Supports Immanuel Lutheran Communities in providing safe, secure homes in vibrant communities for Montana's seniors in need.

Kalispell Education Foundation - To enrich, enhance, and support Kalispell Public Schools.

Kalispell Regional Healthcare Cancer Support - Provides support for the entire family - adults, youth, couples, and families.

Kalispell Regional Healthcare Foundation - Administrates a comprehensive gifts program to advance medical patient care excellence; provides charitable support to Kalispell Regional Healthcare's programs/services: A.L.E.R.T., Brendan House, Hospice, Pathways and KRH.

Kidsports - Youth athletic facilities for football, soccer, baseball, softball, cross country, LaCrosse. Provides an adaptive field and league for youth who are physically and/or mentally challenged.

Lighthouse Christian Home & Services - A faith, farm and family home for adults with developmental disabilities meeting the residents' spiritual, emotional and physical needs.

Magazines For Troops - A single box of forty-four donated magazines shipped to military personnel deployed overseas. Bringing smiles and thanks to our supported troops!

Make A Wish Foundation of MT - Together we create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. When granted, wishes replace fear with confidence, sadness with joy, and anxiety with hope.

NAMI Flathead - Provides advocacy, education, support and public awareness so individuals and families affected by mental illness can build better lives.

Neighbors In Need - Faith based program that assists with sleeping bags and tents, gasoline assistance, utilities, prescriptions, and other basic needs after all other resources are exhausted.

North Valley Food Bank - Collects and distributes food every week to individuals and families with low or no income. Covers Whitefish and the surrounding area plus north to the Canadian border.

North Valley Hospital Foundation - Seeks donations to purchase leading edge equipment, provide training for staff and outreach education for the best health and wellness program in our community.

Pathways Treatment Center - Quality professional care to adults, adolescents, and their families in need of psychiatric and chemical dependency services.

Pediatric Services at Kalispell Regional Healthcare - Provides comprehensive medical care for infants, children and adolescents. Dedicated to the care of our state's most valuable resource... it's children.

Save ASister Cancer Support - Supporting the education and screening of breast cancer for Flathead County through a comprehensive Breast Health program.

Summit Medical Fitness Center - A comprehensive health and wellness facility offering a supportive environment to improve and sustain individual well-being through education, recreation, fitness, and health promotion.

Young Life - Kalispell - Adults with trusting relationships are introducing adolescents to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith at club, camp, and in campaigners groups.

2018 MONTANA SHARES STATEWIDE AGENCIES

[Montana Shares](#) - Promotes philanthropy in Montana by offering workplace giving to donors to support the partner non profits improving our state's human, animal, cultural and natural resources.

[AERO - Alternative Energy Resources Organization](#) - Empowers individuals and communities to live their values by nurturing and promoting renewable energy, conservation, energy efficiency, sustainable agriculture, and resilient communities across Montana.

[AniMeals](#) - Saves the hungry, the helpless, the lost, and the little ones just struggling to survive; housing and feeding as many animals as possible.

[Big Brothers Big Sisters of MT](#) - Provides children facing adversity with strong, enduring, professionally supported, one-to-one mentoring relationships that change their lives for the better, forever.

[Bike Walk Montana](#) - Makes it safer and more accessible for you to walk and bicycle by providing education and encouragement, improving policies and laws, and raising awareness of your needs.

[Bridgercare](#) - A nonprofit family planning clinic that provides reproductive healthcare and education to men and women regardless of ability to pay.

[Camp Mak-A-Dream \(Children's Oncology Camp Foundation\)](#) - Provides medically-supervised, cost free Montana experiences, in an intimate community setting for children, teens, young adults, women and families affected by cancer.

[Cancer Support Community Montana](#) - Ensures that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action and sustained by community. Free of charge. Taking on cancer together!

[Disability Rights Montana](#) - Provides information, education, advocacy, and legal representation to Montanans with disabilities to protect and expand their human, legal, and civil rights.

[Friends of the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula](#) - Offers visitors a place to wonder, to reminisce, to learn about our county's history and how our community's past makes Missoula what it is today.

[Friends of the Missouri Breaks Monument](#) - Works to protect and preserve the Missouri River Breaks monument through education, advocacy and stewardship.

[Great Falls Community Food Bank](#) - Gathers quality "rescued," donated, and purchased food that is then distributed to the hungry through 63 direct providers in and around Cascade County.

[Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter](#) - Southwestern Montana's open-admission shelter caring for the lost and surrendered companion animals offering adoption, spay/neuter, humane education, outreach, and training programs.

[Holter Museum of Art](#) - Inspires, connects and heals our community through the power of art. Thought-provoking exhibitions and expanding innovative social impact programs shape this community-focused, art based education center.

[Jeannette Rankin Peace Resource Center](#) - Focus on non-violence, social justice and environmental sustainability through conversations, connections and education.

[K9 Care Montana](#) - Provides the highest quality service dogs at no cost to our nation's wounded warriors and children facing autism.

[Last Chance Community Pow Wow](#) - Ever-present in the community, we share our Native American culture, drumming and dancing through an annual pow wow that celebrates tolerance of cultural differences.

[Lewis & Clark Humane Society](#) - Provides shelter and advocacy for animals on the pathway to their forever home.

[Mai Wah Society](#) - Preserves Montana's Chinese heritage through exhibits, archives, cultural exchange and rehabilitation of our largest artifacts - The Mai Wah and Wah Chong Tai buildings.

[Montana 4-H Foundation](#) - Provides educational opportunities for more than 18,000 youth ages 6-19 years and 4,000 adult volunteers throughout the state to learn leadership, citizenship, and life-skills.

[Montana Association for the Blind](#) - Promotes social and economic self-sufficiency for blind and low vision Montanans through education, training and employment services, and fosters a positive understanding of blindness.

[Montana Audubon](#) - Promotes appreciation, knowledge, and conservation of Montana's native birds, other wildlife, and natural ecosystems to safeguard biological diversity for current and future generations.

[Montana Child Care Resource & Referral Network](#) - Provides statewide leadership shaping collaborations and strengthening child care resource and referral agencies; building diverse, professional, quality early childhood systems accessible to all Montana families.

[Montana Discovery Foundation](#) - Brings the student to the mountain and the mountain to the student through conservation education and interpretive services for all ages.

[Montana Food Bank Network](#) - Works as the only statewide food bank striving to end hunger among Montana's most vulnerable populations through food acquisition and distribution, education and advocacy.

[Montana Generational Justice](#) - Protects Montanans with dementia and low income seniors by preparing estate planning documents to prevent exploitation and fraud, creating peace of mind for generations.

[Montana History Foundation](#) - Preserves Montana history by making grants to mount exhibits, restore buildings, collect oral history and save historic cemeteries across the state.

[Montana Legal Services Association](#) - A private, non-profit law firm that provides free legal aid to low-income Montanans in all 56 Montana counties and on all Montana tribal reservations.

[Montana Meth Project](#) - Reduce first-time Methamphetamine use among Montana's youth through a campaign of public service messaging, public policy and community action.

[Montana Natural History Center](#) - Promotes and cultivates the appreciation, understanding and stewardship of nature through education for people of all ages.

[Montana Restoration Foundation](#) - Keeps Montana history alive through the restoration of its beautiful buildings and the distribution of education materials to Montana schools.

[Montana Spay/Neuter Task Force](#) - Helps volunteers create pet care events with free demonstration spay/neuter clinics. The community discovers how to solve and owns the solutions to pet overpopulation.

[Montana Supporting Military](#) - Supports and boosts the morale of deployed troops, wounded warriors, and veterans through care packages, clothing, food, and other needs. Their families are also supported.

[Montana Trout Unlimited](#) - Founded in 1964, Montana Trout Unlimited is a statewide grassroots organization dedicated to conserving, protecting and restoring Montana's cold water fisheries and their watersheds.

[Montana Watershed Coordination Council](#) - Uniting and supporting Montana's watershed communities to promote healthy and productive landscapes to benefit all Montanans, everyone downstream, now and for future generations.

[Montana Wilderness Association](#) - Works with communities statewide to protect Montana's wilderness heritage, quiet beauty, and outdoor traditions, now and for future generations.

[Montana Wildlife Federation](#) - Protects Montana's fish and wildlife, our wild lands and waters, and fights for public access for hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreation.

[NAMI Montana](#) - Educates, advocates and supports people with mental illness and their families through grassroots work.

[NeighborWorks Montana](#) - Helps low and moderate income families buy or rent an affordable home and keep their home by providing education and financial assistance throughout Montana.

[Queen City Ballet Company](#) - Contributes to a vibrant culture by providing Helena with professional quality dance productions, trains dance students, and provides scholarships to talented students.

[Rural Employment Opportunities](#) - Helps limited-income Montanans access education, employment, and job training leading to year-around employment, improved family income and economic security.

[Susan G Komen Montana](#) - Provides grants to community partners to ensure all women in Idaho and Montana have access to the breast health services they need.