

# LIVE UNITED

**OUR MISSION:** Building A Better Community

United Way of Missoula County builds a better community for all, especially in the areas of **education, income and health**. We collaborate with diverse community partners to identify important social issues and bring together resources to address them. We give donors a trusted way to support critical services for people in need, and we make sure that donations are invested wisely and well.



*It takes just one person to change one life.*

*Be the one.*

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## THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF A GOOD LIFE

### Education: Children and Youth Achieving Their Potential

Education is the cornerstone of individual and community success. United Way of Missoula County supports programs that foster children's physical, emotional, social and intellectual growth; improve graduation rates; and provide after-school and mentoring for at-risk youth. Together, we can grow our community from within and give every child and adult opportunities to succeed.

### Income: Individuals and Families Becoming Financially Stable

Many people in the Missoula area walk a financial tightrope. United Way of Missoula County helps broaden that tightrope into a path, making it less likely that people will fall. We provide resources that work to increase financial stability, help hardworking people support their families and increase access to affordable housing. Stable individuals and families have a positive ripple effect throughout our community.

### Health: People Leading Healthier Lives

Our collective health has an impact on nearly every aspect of our community from healthcare costs to education. United Way of Missoula County supports initiatives to reduce childhood obesity, push for better preventive care and promote increased screening for early disease detection. We are also involved in efforts to reduce child abuse, domestic violence and substance abuse. These efforts help create a strong, healthy community.



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United Way of Missoula County has served our community since 1931

## Your Support Changes Thousands of Lives

### Education Initiatives:

**Stuff the Bus** - School Supply Drive for At-Risk children and Teens; **Graduation Matters Missoula** - Improving High School Graduation Rates; **Big Brothers Big Sisters** - Youth Mentoring Program; **CASA of Missoula, Inc.** - Volunteer Advocates Program; **Flagship Program** - After-School Programs; **Missoula Aging Services** - Foster Grandparent Program; **National Coalition Building Institute Missoula** - Youth Development Program; **Tamarack Grief Resource Center** - Grief Services for Children and Teens; **WORD** - Futures

### Income/Financial Stability Initiatives:

**Reaching Home:** Missoula's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness; **Garden City Harvest** - Community Garden Program; **Homeward** - Home Ownership Center Programs; **Human Resource Council** - 2-1-1 Community Referral Resource; **Missoula Aging Services** - Senior Companion Program; **Poverello Center** - Homeless Outreach Team, Joseph Residence at Maclay Commons, Ryman Street Shelter & Food Programs; **Watson Children's Shelter** - Emergency Shelter for Infants and Children; **WORD** - Family BASICS; **Youth Homes** - Shirley Miller Attention Home, Tom Roy Youth Guidance Home; **YWCA Missoula** - Gateway, Pathways Domestic & Sexual Violence Program

### Health Initiatives:

**Let's Move Missoula** - Working to Prevent Childhood Obesity; **Make Your Move Missoula** - Awareness and Education to Prevent Rape and Assault; **Child Care Resources** - Let's Move Childcare; **First STEP Resource Center** - Services to Victims of Child Abuse and Sexual Assault; **Missoula Aging Services** - Meals on Wheels; **Missoula Food Bank** - Kids Table; **Mountain Home Montana** - Transitional Living Program; **Open Aid Alliance** - HIV/Hepatitis C Testing, Counseling and Referral Program; **The Parenting Place** - Preventing Child Abuse Through Education and Support; **Partnership Health Center** - Access to Therapy, Healthcare and Health Screenings, Lowell School Clinic; **The Girls Way** - Exercise Fun Shop; **Youth Homes** - Friends to Youth



### United Way Partnerships: Advancing the Common Good

United Way has the unique ability to mobilize diverse community partners to identify challenges, generate solutions, and drive progress in education, income and health.

- ◇ We are a leading architect of **Graduation Matters Missoula**, rallying business and community leaders to support efforts to ensure that all kids stay and succeed in school, at least through high school graduation. United Way is also a leader in developing a new, comprehensive, community wide effort to improve outcomes for all Missoula children, from birth through college
- ◇ United Way is a founder of **Let's Move! Missoula**, a coalition of public and private-sector entities, parents, educators and health professionals working to stem the tide of childhood obesity by developing easy, effective strategies to encourage Missoula families to eat better and move more.
- ◇ United Way is the fiscal sponsor of the **Missoula Nonprofit Network**, providing staff support to a diverse network of 100 local organizations; **Missoula Interfaith Collaborative**; congregations, social agencies, businesses, and government offices working together to address community challenges; and **Missoula Youth Philanthropy Club**, nurturing the next generation of donors.
- ◇ Our **emergency grants** program helps nonprofits quickly address capital needs in emergency situations.

### United Way Holds Programs Accountable

United Way carefully screens the agencies we fund. Our close relationships and careful monitoring help ensure that the programs we support are effective, efficient, disciplined, well managed and strong. By holding programs accountable, **United Way makes sure that donations are invested wisely and well.**