



United Way of the Black Hills

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# UNITED WE STAND COVID-19 RELIEF FUND



## UPDATE NEWSLETTER: 5/15/2020

United Way of the Black Hills hopes you and your loved ones are staying healthy and safe during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

As we continue to have frequent meetings with community and non-profit leaders, we are staying abreast of current and forecasted needs in our community. It's of the utmost importance that we invest in both pressing needs, while preparing for the potential impact this will leave on our community and local non-profits.

Like many businesses, non-profit organizations have been shook by the impact of COVID-19. With the rise in unemployment and layoffs, there is a significant increase in resources such as economic assistance (i.e - utility and rental assistance), shelter for the homeless population due to sites restricting incoming traffic, and mental tele-health counseling services.

As the needs continue to expand, non-profit organizations are experiencing a significant impact in their operational funds, which could prove detrimental to the future of these organizations. While there are valuable loan programs, grants and resources that these non-profits have been able to tap into, many are forecasting that these loans may only cover their operational costs for a few months, at most.

We must be prepared as a community to assist our non-profit organizations. These organizations are integral to the future of the Black Hills community, and we are asking upon you to STAND UNITED with us, and answer the call.

We encourage you to get involved today by making a donation to the UNITED We Stand COVID-19 Relief fund. We are so proud of the organizations we have been able to fund, and witnessing the impact they have been able to provide to the community ([We encourage you to view our COVID-19 Relief fund recipients here.](#))

To date, the UNITED We Stand COVID-19 Relief Fund has raised **\$421,506.52**, and has received **34 applications** for funding. We have awarded a total of **\$135,444** in grant awards to **18** organizations.

**100%** of donations to COVID-19 Relief fund will benefit non-profit organizations. We have been very strategic in funding non-profits, to ensure we are able to cover at least four months worth of grant applications (since March.) We will continue to give out grants until all funds have been distributed, therefore, we encourage you to continue to give. As applications continue to come in, and demands begin to shift and increase, we need to be prepared to provide financial assistance to non-profits in need.

Nonprofit organizations that have experienced an increased demand for services or resources due to the pandemic are [encouraged to apply for the grant.](#)

We thank you for your support and commitment to helping those who need it most in our community. We hope you have a safe and healthy weekend.

Sincerely,

Jamie Toennies,  
Executive Director  
United Way of the Black Hills



[Click here to watch our Virtual Bus Tour to learn about how your donation is helping non-profit organizations like Meals on Wheels of Western SD!](#)

## What we are doing

While our staff is working remotely, we are actively responding

to this crisis in a number of ways:



**Make the Most out of the Moment**  
**May 1-31**  
**Vitalant Rapid City Donation Center**  
**2209 W. Omaha St.**



### **Make the Most out of the Moment**

Community Blood Drive and COVID-19 Response Fund Effort  
In partnership with Vitalant in Rapid City and the John T Vucurevich Foundation.

Help meet patients' blood needs and your support for our community will be multiplied. Donate blood in May at Vitalant in Rapid City and the John T Vucurevich Foundation will make a donation to the UNITED We Stand COVID-19 Community Response Fund, giving \$5,000 for every 100 donation appointments honored up to \$50,000. Help us reach our goal of 1,000 donors! Appointments are required.

[Click here for more information](#)



**Mental Health Tips**  
for nonprofit employees

**10 AM** PRESENTED BY MARY KURNIAWAN, CSW-PIP  
OUTPATIENT SOCIAL WORKER AT MONUMENT HEALTH

UNITED we grow  
a web series hosted by



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### **Mental Health Tips for Nonprofit Employees**

Presented by Mary Kurniawan  
CSW-PIP, Outpatient Social Worker at Monument Health

Join us on the United Way of the Black Hills Facebook page for a LIVE webinar on mental health tips for nonprofit employees, presented by Mary Kurniawan, CSW-PIP, Outpatient Social Worker at Monument Health.

**Topics will include:**

1. Covering how Covid-19 pandemic is affecting mental health and what is normal vs what is concerning in terms of reactions to this additional stress.
2. Ways individuals can manage this increased stress both in their work and personal lives.
3. How mental health concerns might be impacting the non-profit sector specifically.

**[All webinars will be streamed LIVE on the United Way of the Black Hills Facebook Page.](#)**

**About the UNITED We Grow Webinar Series**

This series is intended to provide valuable education and resources specifically tailored to non-profit agencies. Topics to be discussed include: Cybersecurity & Working from Home; Budgeting in Crisis; Audit Considerations and Changes; Volunteerism During Social Distancing and more!

**[Click here to view a schedule of our upcoming sessions!](#)**

A Community UNITED Panel Series

# COMMUNITY FUNDERS VIRTUAL PANEL

FRIDAY, MAY 15TH AT 11 A.M.

HOSTED BY:



United Way of the Black Hills

## A Community UNITED Panel Series

**[Click here to watch the recorded panel](#)**

# We need your feedback!

We are partnering with the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) to do a statewide study of child care providers in South Dakota to assess the impact that COVID-19 has had on your

**business.**

This survey will take you approximately 5-7 minutes to complete. The results of this survey will allow us to advocate for early childhood professionals and child care providers around the state by coordinating with public and private philanthropic entities that are looking to provide financial support during these uncertain times.

We value your time and feedback. For this, we would like to provide an opportunity to be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate. If you would like to be entered into the drawing, please email Kayla Klein at [kayla@unitedwayblackhills.org](mailto:kayla@unitedwayblackhills.org) and she will get you added into the drawing.

[Take the Survey](#)

### **Miner Brewing Company Fundraiser for UWBH**

Come grab a pint (or two!) of the Community Assistance Cider AND/OR the Inside Without Curbside Pale Ale between the dates of May 11th - May 17th, and a dollar from each purchase will benefit the UNITED We Stand COVID-19 Relief Fund.

**[Learn more here!](#)**

## **Resources for COVID-19**

We are committed to helping our community navigate these difficult times. We continue mobilizing resources to lend assistance in a variety of ways.

Our [Educational Resources page](#) provides parents and caregivers with tools to help students with online learning, arts and crafts, activities, fitness and more. Additionally, there are links to the five school districts in our region and the help they are providing.

For immediate assistance, please dial 2-1-1.

We also encourage you to go our [COVID-19 Information page](#) for more resources.