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# UNITED WE STAND COVID-19 RELIEF FUND



## UPDATE NEWSLETTER: 5/8/2020

United Way of the Black Hills hopes you and your loved ones are staying healthy and safe during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. We're sharing updates on how we are helping our community, ways that you can get involved and resources to help you navigate during this time.

To date, the UNITED We Stand COVID-19 Relief Fund has raised **\$421,506.52**, and has received **32 applications** for funding.

This week, we awarded grants to six more organizations, totaling **\$19,500**; for a total of **\$135,444** in grant awards to **18** organizations. Recent grantees include:

### **Feeding SD - \$10,000\***

Funds will be used for food boxes to distribute throughout the Black Hills.  
*\*These funds will be matched by Black Hills Area Community Foundation*

### **Minneluzahan Senior Center - \$1,000**

Funds will be used for *Happy Paks* with food and activities for seniors along with a check in by staff to make sure they are doing okay.

### **Crisis Intervention Shelter Service (CISS) - \$3,500**

Funds will be used for boxes of food, hygiene kits, rental assistance, hotel vouchers, and assistance in acquiring unemployment for victims of

domestic abuse.

### Front Porch Coalition – \$5,000

Funds will be used for PPE for LOSS volunteers and additional trainings for LOSS volunteers to help others with the new stresses families are experiencing due to COVID-19.

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

[We encourage you to visit our website to learn more about how these donations are helping the Black Hills community.](#)

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

## 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.

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### Make the Most out of the Moment

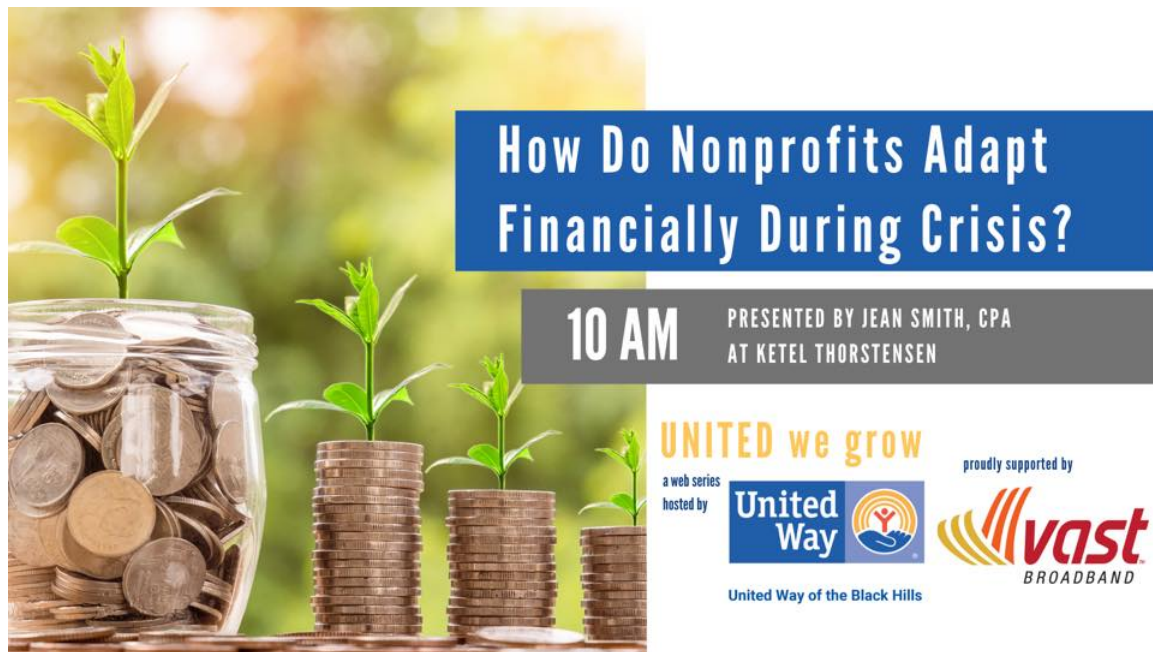
Community Blood Drive and COVID-19 Response Fund Effort  
In partnership with Vitalant in Rapid City and the John T Vucurevich  
Foundation.

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](#)

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**How Do Nonprofits Adapt Financially During Crisis?**

**10 AM** PRESENTED BY JEAN SMITH, CPA  
AT KETEL THORSTENSEN

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## How Do Nonprofits Adapt Financially During Crisis?

Presented by Jean Smith, CPA

Ketel Thorstensen

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COVID-19 has created a new and ever-evolving situation for nonprofits. Organizations that operate on thin margins are suffering from program shutdowns, isolation of employees and cancellation of planned events.

Join the Ketel Thorstenson Nonprofit Team as they examine some of the major issues organizations are facing and some steps they can take to help sustain their important work. Discussion points will include:

- Forecasting
- Budgeting expenses
- Managing cash flow
- Internal Controls in a remote environment

[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:



## A Community UNITED Panel Series

Are you curious how community funders such as United Way of the Black Hills, Black Hills Area Community Foundation and the John T. Vucurevich Foundation are working together to help the needs of our local nonprofits? Tune in to this webinar!

A Community UNITED Panel Series, hosted by United Way of the Black Hills and KNBN NewsCenter1, is a virtual round-table discussion where nonprofit leaders share some of the most pressing needs in our community.

[Click here to watch previous panels.](#)

## Upcoming Fundraiser

### 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.

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