



United Way of the Black Hills

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## Update Newsletter: 6/10/2020

Dear Community Leaders and Donors,

We hope you are staying safe and healthy during this time. As cases of COVID-19 in the Black Hills increase, many organizations are experiencing a second wave in increase of needs and resources. As a result, we are seeing many of our grant recipients from the UNITED We Stand relief fund requesting additional funds. Many of these requests for funding are to continue to provide food.

[Organizations interested in applying for a grant may click here.](#)

**To date, we have raised \$474,030.42, and have disbursed \$162,944 in grants to 23 organizations.**

We encourage you view the impact of your donation by viewing image below. In addition, we have been hosting a 'Virtual Bus Tour Series' to share stories of how some of these organizations have been able to use their grants and serve our community. You may also find this in the "[your impact](#)" section below.

### **This week's United We Stand Relief fund recipients:**

#### **Northern Hills Alliance for Children - \$8,000**

Northern Hills Alliance for children is a child care center in Deadwood that is re-opening to serve the community. Funds will be used to purchase supplies to accommodate the changes necessary to meet CDC recommendations and guidelines. Some supplies include (but not limited to): food, thermometers, room dividers to create smaller classrooms and staffing to accommodate smaller classroom units. They will be able to serve 60 children thanks in part to this funding.

#### **Youth & Family Services (YFS) - \$5,000 (total grant: \$10,000)**

This is their second grant we have awarded from the UNITED We Stand Fund. YFS has been reaching out to families weekly to check on their well-being and help connect those in crisis with resources. They continue to head from families who need extra support. These funds will help them provide food baskets for families in need that will contain groceries to feed a family of four for a week.

We thank you for your continued support and encourage you to visit our website for more information and to make a donation to the UNITED We Stand Fund.

Sincerely,

Jamie Toennies  
Executive Director  
United Way of the Black Hills

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## Success Stories



Volunteers of America was able to distribute over 75 food boxes to families in Spearfish. This effort was made possible through funding provided by United Way of the Black Hills, South Dakota Community Foundation, Black Hills Energy, and Wells Fargo.

Photo credit: [Volunteers of America Northern Rockies Facebook Page](#)

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Listen to this update from the Superintendent of Custer School District 16-1, and how they are using their United We Stand grant to help with their food distribution efforts! Thank you for helping lives in Custer! We appreciate all that you do!



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[Click here to watch our the next stop on our Virtual Bus Tour Series!](#)

## What we are doing

**While our staff is working remotely, we are actively responding to this crisis in a number of ways:**

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A Community UNITED Panel Series

# NAVIGATING SUMMER EDUCATION RESOURCES

FRIDAY, JUNE 12TH AT 11 A.M.

HOSTED BY:



## Navigating Summer Education Resources

Friday, June 12th at 11 a.m.

LIVE Stream on [NewsCenter1](#)

Please tune in to NewsCenter1 Media Group Facebook page to watch a live stream panel discussing the summer education resources!

Panelists include:

- Kayla Klein, Director of Black Hills Reads
- Autumn Gregory, Executive Director, Early Childhood Connections
- Rob Monson, Executive Director of the School Administrators of South Dakota (SASD)
- Morgan VonHaden, Project Director of the SFEC South Dakota BHSSC Special Education
- Stephen Tafoya, Older Boys Program Director, The Club for Boys

Round table discussion amongst panelists will include:

- Resources for parents to access education resources for the summer.
- The impact that COVID-19 will have on students' education in addition to the 'summer slide'.
- How each organization is addressing key specific issues during this time (i.e - online education resources, in-person services practicing social distancing)
- The changing landscape and forecasting anticipated educational needs in the future, and how these organizations can collaborate to continue to address these key issues.

### About the UNITED We Grow Webinar Series

We are hosting a web panel series, A Community UNITED, with KNBN NewsCenter1. The virtual panels will cover specific topics regarding community needs and available resources for those in need. These panels include 4-5 nonprofit and community leaders that have valuable knowledge on these topics.

[Click here to view our previous webinars.](#)

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## 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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