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United Way of the Black Hills

Impact in Spearfish

In a recent 2019 Community Needs Assessment, UWBH identified the challenges our Spearfish residents face, like lack of affordable mental health services and unstable family situations that contribute to issues in job performance, education and physical health. Our community emphasized how difficult it was to prioritize focus areas due to how complex these issues are, and how an issue in one aspect of life is not isolated.

We are more than just an annual fundraiser. We are a data-informed nonprofit that identifies and analyzes the root causes of pressing needs in the community we serve, with the goal to invest over \$2 million annually into long-term sustainable solutions, and not just a bandage to the issues.

We collaborate with many local partners and organizations because we believe we can affect change on a larger scale than any single organization can do alone.

Funding is allocated by the UWBH Board of Directors and local cabinet representatives. They review all the grant applications, tour the programs, assess their impact in each community, analyze the agencies and make informed funding decisions based on their community's needs. When you donate to UWBH, your donation is being vetted and wisely invested into your community to ensure the greatest impact.

Success Story:

Last spring, 17-year-old Amy was referred to Canyon Hills Center due to suicide ideation, self harm and depression. She had experienced a lot of trauma in her life, including sexual abuse and many different placements with relatives, foster families and treatment facilities. She set a goal to graduate from high school, and worked hard to make her goal, while participating in mental health counseling. A day before she completed her time at the Canyon Hills Center she was ready to graduate and she applied to a vocational training program to be a nursing assistant.

Adversity and challenges that youth like Amy face can create negative long-lasting consequences. With mental health intervention, Amy not only achieved her goal of graduating high school, but is now continuing her education to secure a financially independent future.



4,198

PEOPLE
SERVED IN
SPEARFISH IN
2020

521

Children were able to participate in after-school and mentorship programs

2,554

People received financial stability services through affordable transportation, affordable housing, utility assistance, and the 2-1-1 Helpline to connect to other local resources

1,123

People received health services like affordable mental health counseling, access to food and domestic violence shelter and resources