# IMPACT

# in Lead/Deadwood

#### Your Generosity in Action

At the Boys and Girls Club in Lead/Deadwood, there were three brothers who experienced explosive anger and a lack of self-confidence. As time went on, the three boys began to understand that they were loved and cherished by the staff at the Club. They slowly became more confident in themselves, more capable of handling their emotions and began to see their own full potential.

By partnering with the United Way of the Black Hills, you are also partnering with the Club for Boys and Girls in Lead/Deadwood. Your generosity helps to enable after-school and child care programs to serve more children in Lead/Deadwood, which help children realize their full potential.

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309

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223

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201

Individuals connected with needed programs and supports through 2-1-1.

140

# IMPACT in Belle Fourche

#### Your Generosity in Action

Two teenage brothers from Belle Fourche both struggled with bipolar disorder, anxiety and ADHD. The brothers' conditions required consistent treatment with medication and ongoing counseling. The brothers found access to the care they needed from the unique system at the Community Health Center of the Black Hills. Thanks to UWBH's voucher program at CHCBH, the brothers have been able to receive the medication and services they need at a reduced price.

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246

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302

# IMPACT in Custer

#### Your Generosity in Action

Lifeways has been partnering with Custer Schools for over 17 years in addiction prevention and intervention. This partnership is a success story — reaching thousands of students with support over the years. One of the big successes from the program is the Gaming Club. Not only are students attending in person, students are also participating online. Gaming Club offers an opportunity for students to participate in healthy, substance free activities at home or away.

Lifeways' partnership with the Custer School District fills a gap that allows students in Custer to have a safe environment to go to after school. By partnering with the United Way of the Black Hills, you are also partnering with organizations like Lifeways that are working to prevent addiction in the young people of Custer.

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263

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284

# IMPACT in Edgemont

#### Your Generosity in Action

Sage is a 2nd grader in the Edgemont YMCA. Both of her parents work full time, so having a place for Sage and her sister to go after school is essential for their family. While at Kidstop, her afterschool program, Sage eats a nutritious snack, has fun with her friends, creates arts and crafts and explores with STEM activities.

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110

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37

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62

# IMPACT

### in Hill City & Keystone

#### Your Generosity in Action

Shaynna made an offer to buy a home in Hill City, and it was accepted. Shaynna faced two major but solvable problems with the home: the house didn't have an occupancy permit and Shaynna didn't have enough cash for a down payment. Buying a home can be a complicated endeavor, and that keeps a lot of community members from ever owning their own home. Shaynna went to NeighborWorks® Dakota Home Resources for help. After just a 30 minute meeting with a housing counselor, Shaynna had applied for funding to assist with her down payment and learned how to get an occupancy permit. The loan was approved and she received the occupancy permit. Shaynna is now a proud homeowner.

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143

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111

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**541** 

# IMPACT in Hot Springs

#### **Your Generosity in Action**

WellFully is an organization that helps adolescents facing mental health crises. Clients can even reconnect with a counselor after therapy at any time on Facebook. One evening, a former client from Hot Springs was at the point of taking her own life. She connected with WellFully on Facebook, and two counselors immediately responded. The counselors worked with a suicide prevention team that drove over an hour to connect with the client in person.

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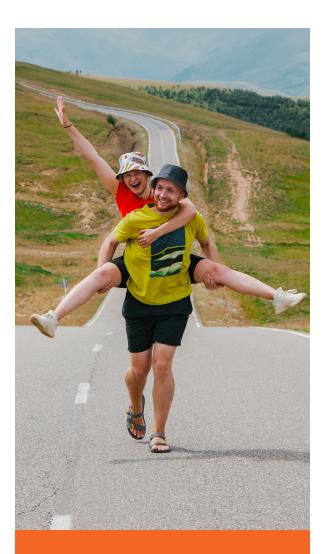


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**253** 

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**522** 

# IMPACT in Rapid City

#### Your Generosity in Action

"We did not have water, heat, or power. We became homeless and lived with other people or in motels," recalls Jaden. Jaden's parents were addicted to heroin and meth. One day, Jaden was fed up at living like this and notified his school liaison officer, and his parents were arrested. Soon after their release, they relapsed, were arrested one last time and lost custody of their children. Jaden and his siblings were placed in foster care.

Jaden's foster family supported his academic success and encouraged him to participate in after school activities. After joining his friend on a fishing trip put on by Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Black Hills, Jaden knew he needed a mentor. Jaden was matched with John, and he had a life changing impact on Jaden's life through hunting and fishing.

"Jaden saved our lives and John saved his," says Jaden's mom. With the help of John and Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Black Hills, Jaden's potential has been defended, ignited, and empowered.

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8062

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14,658

Individuals connected with needed programs and supports through 2-1-1.

15,043

# IMPACT in Spearfish

#### **Your Generosity in Action**

Last spring, 17-year-old Amy was experiencing thoughts of suicide, self harm and depression. She had experienced a lot of trauma in her life. Amy was referred to Canyon Hills Center in Spearfish, a youth focused residential treatment center that serves kids from 10-17 who have emotional, behavioral health, and educational challenges. There, Amy received the help she needed. She also set a goal to graduate from high school and worked hard to make that goal happen. Amy graduated from high school and is now continuing her education at a vocational program to become a nursing assistant.

Adversity like what Amy faced can create negative, long-lasting consequences. With mental health intervention, Amy not only achieved her goal of graduating high school, but is now working to secure a financially independent future.

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3331

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1018

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459

Individuals connected with needed programs and supports through 2-1-1.

**521** 

# IMPACT in Sturgis

#### **Your Generosity in Action**

A Sturgis family noticed that their daughter was exhibiting some major changes in her daily life. She was becoming more moody, more tired, and was no longer interested in sports. The family reached out to WellFully, a local organization that is dedicated to helping youth through mental health crises. WellFully conducted a drug and alcohol assessment for the young girl. From that assessment, the team at WellFully led the girl to attend intensive out-patient treatment, and the complexity and the seriousness of her usage became more clear. Ultimately, she was referred to a higher level of care. Today, she is sober and has a bright outlook on the future.

Funding from the United Way of the Black Hills allows WellFully to have the resources necessary to help the youth of Sturgis and Meade County at a moment's notice. WellFully's mission helps save lives, and we are honored to partner with WellFully and you to provide mental health services to Sturgis and Meade County.

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840

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2049