



UNITED WAY
of the Black Hills

Month of Caring

Thank You for Participating!



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Bluepeak Internet Providers doing grounds work at Suncatcher Therapeutic Riding



First Interstate Bank of Rapid City raking leaves at Black Hills Works

Dacotah Bank and Black Hills Reads Volunteers packing books for third grade students in the Black Hills



Bluepeak Internet Providers doing grounds work at Suncatcher Therapeutic Riding

JustServe packing and distributing food boxes with Feeding South Dakota



GET INVOLVED. GIVE BACK. TAKE ACTION.

United Way's Month of Caring is a fun and meaningful way for your business to give back while bringing your team closer together. Offering a unique team-building experience for you and your employees, Month of Caring creates opportunities to connect, collaborate, and make a real impact across the Black Hills community.

Whether your team takes on a simple service project or a larger community effort, this is your chance to boost team spirit, strengthen local connections, and show how much the Black Hills matters to your organization. Start by dreaming up a project your team will be excited to bring to life!



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MOC PICK UP & POWER UP

Join us at the United Way Office on **August 25th 7:30 to 10:00 am** as we kick off Month of Caring! This is your opportunity to get energized for the weeks ahead, connect with other team leaders, and officially get the season of service started.

During Pick Up & Power Up, you'll be able to:

- Pick up t-shirts for your team
- Enjoy a light breakfast before starting your day
- Get important updates and information for Month of Caring

Please RSVP to Brittney by **August 14th**
at brittney@unitedwayblackhills.org

GIVE.
ADVOCATE.
VOLUNTEER.



T-SHIRTS

**PLEASE HAVE SIZES AND QUANTITIES SUBMITTED
NO LATER THAN AUGUST 14TH**
to Brittney@unitedwayblackhills.org



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Month of Caring (MOC) is an opportunity for local businesses to partner with United Way of the Black Hills and help the public recognize the immensity of United Way’s impact on the people of the Black Hills – something that reflects on business sponsors, as well.

As a valued sponsor, you have the opportunity to amplify your impact with our **year-round sponsorship program**. Choose from multiple sponsorship levels designed to align with your goals, enhance your recognition, and drive meaningful change across the Black Hills.



SPONSORSHIPS ARE DUE BY JUNE 30TH
TO ENSURE YOUR BUSINESS NAME OR LOGO IS ON THE T-SHIRTS



CONTACT US!

	PRESENTING SPONSOR \$7,500+	PLATINUM SPONSOR \$5,000	GOLD SPONSOR \$2,500	SILVER SPONSOR \$1,000	BRONZE SPONSOR \$500
EXCLUSIVE 'Presented by [Your Company]' ON SELECT MATERIALS	●				
LOGO FEATURED in Photo Opportunities & TV backdrops 375,000+ REACH	●				
LOGO ADDED TO UNITED WAY OF THE BLACK HILLS ENTRANCE SIGN	● 5 SPOTS ONLY	● 5 SPOTS ONLY			
RECOGNITION IN LOCAL PRINT MEDIA AS APPROPRIATE	●	●	●		
COMPANY RECOGNITION ON EVENT BANNERS 500+ ATTENDEES	● PREMIUM LOGO PLACEMENT	● PROMINENT LOGO PLACEMENT	● STANDARD LOGO PLACEMENT	● NAME PLACEMENT	
COMPANY RECOGNITION ON MONTH OF CARING T-SHIRT	● PREMIUM LOGO PLACEMENT	● PROMINENT LOGO PLACEMENT	● STANDARD LOGO PLACEMENT	● NAME PLACEMENT	● NAME PLACEMENT
SOCIAL MEDIA & NEWSLETTER 15,000+ SOCIAL REACH - WEEKLY 7,400+ SUBSCRIBERS - WEEKLY	6X DEDICATED HIGHLIGHTS	6X RECOGNITION	4X RECOGNITION	2X RECOGNITION	2X RECOGNITION
UWBH WEBSITE RECOGNITION & UWBH SIGN/DECAL TO DISPLAY YOUR COMMUNITY SUPPORT	●	●	●	●	●



THANK YOU LEADERS!

The generosity and dedication of team leaders make Month of Caring possible. They are volunteers from your organization who have chosen to take on a leadership role for a project.

TEAM LEAD TO-DO LIST

Begin by identifying a local project you and volunteers would like to participate in and fully complete the project registration form online.

If you have a Project for your team in mind, please fill out the Project Registration Form with details on what your team will be working on.



[Project Registration Form](#)

Team Leads use this Form to register your Business or Organization as a team.



[Team Registration Form](#)

- Set a date in September that your team of volunteers will be available to complete the project.
- Send your teams' t-shirt sizes and quantities to brittney@unitedwayblackhills.org
- Snap some team photos and send them to brittney@unitedwayblackhills.org
- Attend the Month of Caring Pick Up & Power Up. This is when team t-shirts can be picked up.
- Ensure every volunteer completes a waiver before participating in the project.



Scan QR for Volunteer Waiver
unitedwayblackhills.org/volunteer-waiver

PROJECT HOSTS

It is important that team leaders and site coordinators (from project site) meet, exchange contact information, and remain in contact throughout the planning process.

COORDINATE WITH YOUR PROJECT HOST

- Develop a clear understanding of the task ahead of time to ensure volunteers are prepared for a smooth and successful project day.
- Make sure all project materials and supplies are delivered to the project site prior to the volunteer start time.
- Confirm the project date and time.



PROJECT IDEAS

OUTDOOR MAINTENANCE AND PRESERVATION:

- Lawn and garden work
- Paint picnic tables/park benches/decks/patios
- Clean a camp or play area for children
- Paint fences
- Plan a yard clean-up: weeding, planting, raking, pruning shrubs

RESTORATION/REPAIR WORK:

- Paint the inside or outside of a building
- Wash windows and walls
- Assemble play gym for children
- Sort and repair organization toys and equipment
- Maintain local trails – bike path, M Hill

OTHER:

- Work at a local nonprofit
- Organize storage closets
- Prepare emergency medical kits for clients
- Help out at a food pantry



PROJECTS TO BE AVOIDED:

- Projects that need technical designs or skills
- Projects that may be unsafe for the volunteers
- Projects that require complex or time-consuming preparatory work such as obtaining multiple permits, building concrete foundations, scraping old paint, clearing a field, etc.
- Projects that will not provide a sense of accomplishment for the volunteers
- Projects that cost more to make than it would to purchase

GIVE BACK! FEEL GOOD! HAVE FUN!



TEAM LEADER / PROJECT HOST CHECKLIST

- ARRANGE FOR AN ON-SITE VISIT**
 - Ensure that both parties understand the full scope of the job
- CREATE PROJECT NEEDS LIST**
 - What materials, tools, and skills are needed?
- DELEGATE REQUIRED PLANNING TASKS**
 - Review needs list
 - What can the organization supply?
 - What can volunteers bring?
- WALK THROUGH EACH PART OF THE JOB**
- COMMUNICATE NEEDS TO VOLUNTEER TEAM**
 - Directions to location
 - Appropriate attire
 - Meals, snacks, water, etc.
 - Emergency contact information
- ORGANIZE THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES**
 - Brief agency introduction
 - Project overview
 - Supervise volunteers
 - Lunch
 - Water
- PROJECT DAY**
 - **Have fun!** Take pics, tag us, and post or send to:
Brittney@unitedwayblackhills.org





BAD WEATHER PLAN

Month of Caring dates will not be canceled or postponed due to weather. Organizations should have a project contingency plan in case of inclement weather on the chosen day for the Month of Caring.

SAFETY

To help avoid the potential hazards that can occur during any event of this nature, please review the safety guidelines below to help ensure that the Month of Caring is both a rewarding and safe experience for everyone involved.

*Only properly trained individuals should work with potentially dangerous tools or equipment.

Below are some actions to think about if an accident occurs:

- Prior to any work being done, ensure that you have the volunteer fully complete and sign the waiver form (forms supplied by United Way).
- Stay calm. Have all of the other volunteers stop working if there is any reason to believe that the work is unsafe or if the volunteers simply cannot focus sufficiently on the project's task.
- If a volunteer is injured, designate someone else to oversee the other volunteers so that you can focus on the injured volunteer.
- Try to determine the seriousness of the injury/accident. Ask if there is a volunteer that may have some training to assist the injured individual (i.e., a doctor, nurse, or EMT).
- If the person has a serious injury call 911 immediately. Then call a friend or family member of the injured person.
- If the person has a minor cut or scrape, administer first aid and document the incident.
- Ensure that all appropriate United Way representatives are aware of the injury/accident.



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SHOW OFF ON SOCIAL MEDIA



@unitedwayblackhills

Share the amazing work you & your team are doing on social media!
This is also a great way to find more people who might want to volunteer.
Also, remember to post on your own social media
and tag us @unitedwayblackhills

PLEASE REPORT BACK

Spread the “Month of Caring” love!
Once your project is complete, please send
your group photos to Brittney@unitedwayblackhills.org.





2026 MONTH OF CARING VOLUNTEER WAIVER

I, _____, hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless United Way of the Black Hills, its officers, directors, employees, successors, assigns, legal representatives, organizers, sponsors, owners or lessees of project sites, volunteers and supervisors of all its activities, from any and all claims, causes of action, and liability arising from or in any way connected with my volunteer participation. If you are under 18 it is essential that your Parent or Guardian signs the form to give consent for you to act as a volunteer.

I further understand that I am expressly assuming all risk, including but not limited to, all risk of injury or death associated with my volunteer participation in the activities for United Way.

I further grant permission to United Way of the Black Hills to use, without cost, any videos, photographs, or audios taken of me during the volunteer event for publicity purposes.

I acknowledge that I am of legal age, have read this release and am voluntarily and intelligently executing this release as a legal and binding document.

Date: _____ Signature _____

Print Name _____ T-shirt size _____

Email (if applicable) _____

Organization Name _____

Team Leader _____

Parent or Guardian Consent (Required for all volunteers under age 18)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

COMPLETE/RETURN WAIVER PRIOR TO COMPLETING PROJECT

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