

INVESTING IN STUDENT SUCCESS



80,490

MINUTES READ BY LOCAL 2ND GRADERS IN READ 2 ME CHALLENGE

Improving reading skills critical to future learning success.



1,025

STUDENTS STAYED IN SCHOOL TO GRADUATE IN 11 YRS OF GRAD MATTERS

Increasing their opportunities at better paying jobs, home ownership and future success.

1,600



STUDENTS RECEIVED EXTRA ACADEMIC HELP

Improving grades, decreasing achievement gaps, building emotional development

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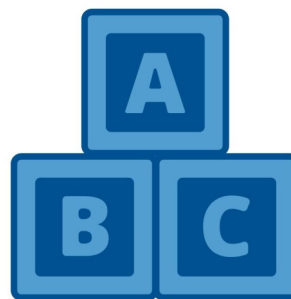
PRESCHOOLERS GIVEN BOOKS MONTHLY TO HELP THEM SUCCEED IN KINDERGARTEN

Promoting positive parent and child interactions and setting students up for academic greatness.



PREGNANT OR PARENTING TEENS GRADUATED

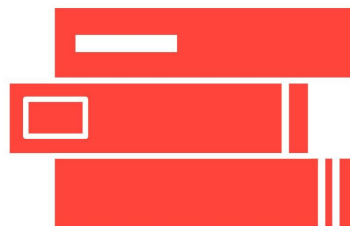
Improving employability and family stability.



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BOOKS GIVEN TO STUDENTS

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United Way



United Way of Cascade County

BOLD EDUCATION GOALS

- Increase number of kids prepared for kindergarten
- Improve 3rd grade reading
- Reduce chronic absenteeism
- Increase graduation rate to 92%

United Way of Cascade County fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person in our community.

To tackle the community's toughest problems, we bring people and partners together to work with intention and shared goals. We mobilize 998 volunteers who dedicated nearly 20,000 hours advancing these goals.

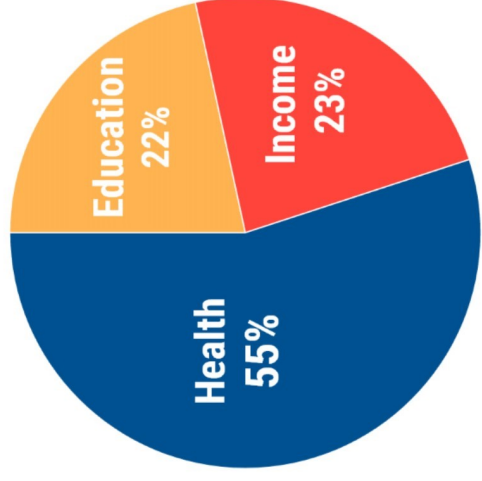
Our investments in local nonprofits help more than 30,000 people in our community every year – for 53 years. Beyond that, our community impact work builds a better life for every person in Cascade County.

You can join in this work. Find hundreds of volunteer opportunities at

VOLUNTEERGREATFALLS.ORG

Contact United Way at 727-3400 to join an initiative.

UNITED WAY INVESTS IN THESE PARTNERS:



Alliance for Youth's parenting program coaches parents on underlying family issues that leads to problem behavior with the goal of reducing child abuse and family conflict. The Sober Life provides opportunities for recovering addicts to be social, active and volunteer. A youth resource center connects homeless and struggling teens with community resources, laundry, homework help and meals.

Boys and Girls Club of Cascade County offers after-school tutoring and educational programs in a safe place to learn and grow with the supervision of caring, adult professionals.

Cascade County Law Clinic recruits volunteer attorneys and provides paralegal services for low-income residents with family law problems and offers court orientation and guidance.

Eagle Mount provides accessible activities to people of all ages and abilities.

Family Promise helps homeless families find stability and long-term housing.

Foster Grandparents places low-income seniors in classrooms where they give loving attention to children, enhancing self-esteem for both generations.

Get Fit Great Falls' Park Pals program plans activities during the summer in partnership with the school summer feeding program and 1,000 kids will get active play and nutrition education in the Fitness, Food, Family & Fun afterschool program. Great Falls Children's Receiving Home provides a temporary home, food, security and compassion to abused, neglected and abandoned children of our community.

GFPS Raising Readers program gives books monthly to babies and preschoolers to help develop word skills and improve school readiness.

Great Falls Senior Center is a comfortable place where older people engage in recreational, educational and social activities. United Way money helps provide healthy meals and exercise opportunities.

Habitat for Humanity builds homes for families who can't qualify for traditional loans. Families volunteer in the community and help construct their homes. A new program in partnership with Great Falls College - MSU works with young adults who dropped out of high school to earn their diploma equivalency while learning construction skills.

Job Service's Breaking Barriers program fills the gaps for low-income individuals who need materials to apply for jobs or get job training.

Kairos Youth Services gives teenagers in crisis food, shelter, education and counseling at two homes.

Meals on Wheels provides a nutritious meal five days a week to homebound senior citizens and the disabled, enabling seniors to stay in their homes longer and checking the wellness of isolated seniors.

NeighborWorks Great Falls provides matching money for future homeowners who are saving for a down payment after they complete financial coaching and credit repair classes.

Opportunities Inc. offers funding to help low-income citizens of Cascade County get into affordable housing.

Peace Place Respite Care provides parents a safe place with experienced caregivers to take their physically and developmentally disabled children.

Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect Task Force will train professionals and community members to identify and prevent child abuse and neglect.

St. Vincent de Paul's food program provides nutritious food to low-income families. Another program does outreach to homeless people living on the streets. A new program will help young students develop a passion for reading by helping them write their own books.

Sunburst Unlimited teaches children how to grow vegetables in the community garden to help build healthy eating habits.

Toby's House prevents child abuse by providing immediate care in its new crisis nursery.

Voices of Hope operates a 24-hour crisis line at 453-HELP, provides rape/victim advocacy and suicide intervention and operates a 2-1-1 information center to refer callers to available services.

Young Parents Education Center assists pregnant and parenting teens to complete their high school education. Child care, parenting education, vocational planning and pregnancy prevention are offered.

YWCA Mercy Home is a safe place for abused women and children, offering emergency services 24-hours a day.