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**United Way
of Missoula County**

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**Missoulians donate more than 200 blankets in response to
Temporary Safe Outdoor Space Needs**

Missoula –generous Missoulians have donated more than 200 blankets, and some sleeping bags, to Hope Rescue Mission for use at the Temporary Safe Outdoor Space. This is more than enough to meet the need and, **due to storage-capacity issues at the Hope Thrift Boutique, donations of blankets can no longer be accepted after 5 p.m. today.** (The boutique is closed from December 31-January 4.)

In some communities, requests for emergency help are met with a trickle of donations. But time and time again, Missoulians open their hearts -- and in this case, their blanket chests and wallets -- to help their struggling neighbors. On these frigid winter nights, when we're so grateful for our own warm places to sleep, and warm blankets to sleep under, it's incredibly gratifying that so many Missoulians are thinking about their unhoused neighbors, sleeping in unheated tents, at the Temporary Safe Outdoor Space. The nights will be a bit warmer, thanks to generous Missoulians.

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