

United Way of
Missoula County



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Wells Fargo Wins United Way of Missoula County's "Heart" Award

Missoula, May 17, 2022 – United Way of Missoula County today awarded Wells Fargo its 2022 Heart Award, presented annually to a local business that evidences strong support for United Way and the broader community.

"The Heart Award is presented annually to a company that goes the extra mile for United Way of Missoula County, in terms of giving and volunteering," said United Way chief executive officer Susan Hay Patrick. "Over the years, Wells Fargo has shown its heart for United Way through incredibly generous financial support at the corporate level and from employees; and through a strong program of employee volunteerism, including leadership service on our board of directors."

She cited Wells Fargo's founding of Project Tomorrow Montana, a county-wide, multi-stakeholder collaboration housed at United Way that works to prevent suicide through collaborative efforts that promote, support, and increase awareness, prevention, intervention, and recovery. Wells Fargo has also provided generous grants to support United Way's work on homelessness, including leadership gifts to the Community Housing Solutions Fund. The fund, administered by United Way, provides households referred by caseworkers with small grants that can make the difference between a family staying housed or falling into homelessness. Typical fund expenditures include rental deposits, payment of utility bills, and rental application fees.

Additionally, Wells Fargo has sponsored two University United Way Food Friday events, during which teams of volunteers – including Wells Fargo employees – have packaged nearly 250,000 nonperishable meals for distribution to hungry Missoula families.

"Clearly, Wells Fargo's heart beats for our entire community, as demonstrated by its strong support for United Way," Patrick said. "The company is always there for us, and we are incredibly grateful for this partnership."

United Way of Missoula County is a nonprofit organization whose programs, initiatives, and projects address the systemic, underlying problems in the areas of health, education, and financial stability that prevent community members from thriving. For more than 90 years, United Way has served as one of western Montana's leading nonprofit organizations.

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