



Media Advisory: Volunteers packaging 100,000 meals for hungry Missoulians

United Way
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What: On Friday, October 21, on the University of Montana campus, more than 300 volunteers will package 100,000 nonperishable meals that will be distributed through Missoula Food Bank's EmPower Pack program, which sends food home on the weekends with students facing food insecurity. Last year, the collaboration – known as University United Food Friday – packaged 90,000 of the meals for local families.

“We are grateful to be able to provide these nutritious meals for our neighbors most in need,” said Susan Hay Patrick, CEO of United Way of Missoula County. “This is a big project—we are so grateful to our volunteers and sponsors for making our fourth University United Food Friday happen.” Previous events were held in 2018, 2019, and 2021.

About 300 volunteers will package the meals, which were made possible by donations from lead sponsor Wells Fargo, as well as Providence, ALPS Insurance, ATG Cognizant, Blackfoot Communications, Clearwater Credit Union, Daily's Premium Meats, First Interstate Bank, JCCS, Revel Real Estate, Scheels, Stevens & Company, and Stockman Bank.

United Way partners with logistic expert the Outreach Program, ensuring the safety of the project by implementing all applicable food-safety protocols.

When: More than 300 volunteers are packaging the meals in the University Center ballroom, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Friday, Oct. 21. Photos and interviews are available on request.

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