



2021 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

United Way of Idaho Falls and Bonneville County (UWIFBC) strives to improve the lives of ALICE families. ALICE stands for *Asset Limited, Income Constrained, & Employed*, A.K.A. the working poor. For 80 years, United Way's mission has been to improve people's lives by mobilizing the caring power of our community and knowing that ALICE is such a significant percentage of our community, our priorities have been geared toward what the ALICE population needs. In 2018, about 39% of community members in our service area (Bonneville, Jefferson, Madison, Teton, Fremont, Clark, and Lemhi Counties) households qualified as either ALICE or were living below the Federal Poverty Line. A more recent ALICE report for Idaho highlights the increase in cost of living. Specifically hitting on the increase costs of rent, childcare, and food are creating greater challenges for this demographic.

46 non-profits have become UWIFBC partners through the community's investments and various grant opportunities. Thanks to the support of donors like you and secured grants, we invested over a million dollars into 46 of our most vital community programs that strengthen ALICE households.

UWIFBC's ability to fulfill and grow our commitment to the community is contingent on the generous financial support of individual donors, corporate partners, and successful workplace campaigns. All investments from workplace giving campaigns go toward the **Community Fund Grant** process. The Community Fund Grant process is designed to award funds to non-profits addressing challenges in our service area with the expectation of data driven results. Through the competitive process, UWIFBC's volunteer Community Solution Panel recommends each year's grant moneys to be distributed to local health and human service non-profit programs. Our Non-Profit Partners are working towards a solution to help the community by providing resources, solutions, and services for the ALICE population.

UWIFBC considers health, education, and financial stability to be the three pillars we stand united for. To help accomplish progress in these three impact areas, UWIFBC hosts and attends community discussions often and participates in regional coalition committees to help UWIFBC stay up-to-date on opportunities to strengthen the community. We aim to solve long term problems with lasting solutions. UWIFBC is currently focusing on early education, food insecurity for seniors and children, access to mental health services and healthcare, and affordable housing/living wage.

IMPACT AREAS


EARLY
EDUCATION


MENTAL HEALTH &
HEALTHCARE ACCESS


FOOD
INSECURITY


AFFORDABLE
HOUSING

UNITED WAY'S IMPACT PROGRAMS

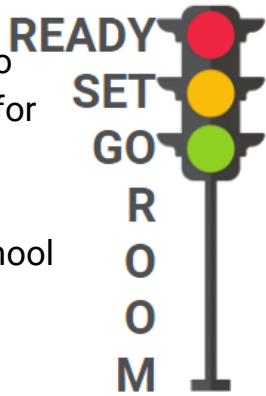
Ready. Set. READ! launched in 2021 to provide books for families across our 7-county service area. Providing in home access to the amazing world that reading brings, allowing curiosity and education to flourish.



S.O.A.R. was established in an effort to provide interest driven, enriching activities in a safe after-school environment. S.O.A.R. inspires students to learn academic and social skills and build positive relationships with peers and adults.



A *Ready, Set, Go* Room is a place space dedicated to stocking hygiene items, nutritious snacks, clothing for different seasons, and other basic necessities for families of students in a school. The school invites parents and family members to campus twice a school year to make sure their homes are meeting basic needs. We've seen this space act as one of the first steps to establishing a community school.



Kindergarten Bootcamp is a 2-week program built to help pre-school aged children prepare for kindergarten by attending classes before school starts. This helps ease the stresses of new parents and helps the students adjust more comfortably to the new lifestyle waiting for them when school starts.



IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

Early Education

- **13** new or expanded after-school programs
- **12,000+** books distributed to build student home libraries in 2021/22 school year
- **4,038** kids participated in our education programs
- **8** Foster Grandparents are one-on-one tutors for elementary students in the classroom

Mental Health & Healthcare Access

- **15** children received mental health services at no cost to the family
- **14,937** people attended group therapy for addiction recovery
- **3** Trauma Informed Practices trainings took place for educators and non-profit professionals
- **157** individuals received hospice patient care at no cost to the family
- **100+** children actively participating in therapeutic activities such as horse riding, grooming, and painting
- **550** feminine hygiene product donations collected and distributed into the homeless community

Food Insecurity

- **14** school food pantries were formed or expanded to provide fresh and nutritious snacks
- **120,670** people received foods from regional food pantries
- **103,935** Meals On Wheels distributed to seniors and vulnerable community members

Stable Housing and Financial Stability

- **160** individuals and families received rental or utilities assistance
- **4,296** volunteer hours helping build homes for Habitat for Humanity recipients
- **107** people received legal services for guardianship and domestic violence related case
- **166** individuals received smoke alarms or disaster relief services and participated in fire safety trainings
- **84** currently enrolled students in our local GED program with **15** GED grads