



UNITED WAY
Yampa Valley

ANNUAL REPORT

2025



Building a Stronger Tomorrow, Together

This year, United Way of the Yampa Valley—together with our partners and supporters—helped families access the essential services they need to thrive. Guided by our four pillars—Youth Opportunity, Healthy Community, Financial Stability, and Community Resiliency—your generosity has created measurable impact across our region. United is the Way we build stability, expand opportunity, and strengthen hope for tomorrow.

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STORIES OF GRATITUDE

“As a disabled veteran, winter can be overwhelming—snow piling on my roof, ice building up, and no safe way for me to clear it. United Way has stepped in year after year to help cover the cost of snow mitigation so my home stays dry, safe, and livable. Their support, along with help from partners like The Health Partnership, has made it possible for me to get through the winter without fear of leaks, damage, or injury. I truly couldn’t manage without them.”

“When the Lee fire triggered my PTSD and turned my world upside down, United Way stepped in with exactly what I needed—food, clothing, temporary housing, help with my animals, and even counseling and disability support. Their compassion didn’t just get me through the crisis; it changed the outcome for me entirely.”



A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DEAR NEIGHBOR,

For nearly 50 years, United Way of the Yampa Valley has united people and organizations across Routt, Moffat, and Rio Blanco Counties to strengthen the fabric of our communities. Together, we respond to urgent needs, create pathways to stability, and help households move from crisis to self-sufficiency.

Your generosity fuels this work. Every dollar stays in the Yampa Valley—supporting local nonprofits, stabilizing families in crisis, and

ensuring that when challenges arise, our community is ready to respond.

Too many of our neighbors—childcare teachers, health aides, grocery clerks, and hospitality workers—struggle to afford basic living costs. Yet, through your partnership, we are creating a future where families not only survive but truly thrive.

Thank you for being part of this long-standing tradition of neighbors lifting neighbors. United, we make lasting change.

With deep
gratitude,



JENNIFER BRUEN
Executive Director



THE TEAM

NONE OF THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE DEDICATION AND HARD WORK OF OUR INCREDIBLE TEAM, WHOSE PASSION AND COMMITMENT DRIVE OUR MISSION FORWARD EVERY DAY.



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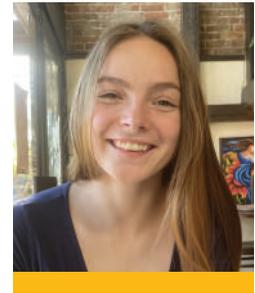
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ALICE

Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed

TOO MANY WORKING FAMILIES STRUGGLE TO MAKE ENDS MEET. THESE ARE OUR NEIGHBORS, FRIENDS, AND THE WORKFORCE WE ALL RELY ON TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES RUNNING, YET THEY ARE ONE EMERGENCY AWAY FROM FINANCIAL DISASTER.



Neighbors Helping Neighbors FOR NEARLY 50 YEARS

ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) households earn too much to qualify for public assistance programs like Medicaid and SNAP, yet struggle to afford housing, childcare, food, transportation, and health care.

Percent of ALICE Households in Our Area



Budgets based on a family of 4

35%
Routt
\$90k/year survival budget

42%
Rio Blanco
\$74k/year survival budget

49%
Moffat
\$72k/year survival budget



United is the Way families move from surviving to thriving

A family in Craig faced severe flooding and mold after a roof leak, leaving their home unsafe and their repair costs overwhelming. With lost income compounding the crisis, they turned to United Way of the Yampa Valley for urgent support to make their home safe again.

After a disabled woman suddenly lost her housing, she faced homelessness, fixed-income barriers, and no way to cover a required housing deposit. United Way of the Yampa Valley provided the funding she needed to secure safe, stable housing.

When a woman's husband left, he took furniture and caused significant damage to their home. As a working mother, she suddenly faced \$1,000 in replacement costs while also needing to cover travel expenses for her daughter's surgery out of town. United Way of the Yampa Valley stepped in to help her bridge the gap.

WILDFIRE DISASTER RELIEF

Estimated Financial Relief Provided

DHS Giftcards: \$10,000

Food & Fuel Assistance: \$4,500

Property Stabilization Supplies: \$9,288



Courtesy Bureau of Land Management

21
Individuals
Supported

\$23,788
Total Financial
Relief Provided

This is what community looks like in action: neighbors protecting neighbors, resources moving swiftly, and families finding a path forward. United is the Way we keep our community strong.

When the Elk and Lee fires tore through Meeker, families had almost no time to prepare before fleeing their homes. In the days that followed, United Way of the Yampa Valley mobilized more than 40 nonprofits and nearly 400 volunteers across Routt, Moffat, and Rio Blanco counties to deliver help fast. This coordinated response provided families with groceries, fuel, lodging, and essential supplies, while volunteer offers were directed to partners including the Red Cross, Incident Command in Rio Blanco, Moffat and Routt Counties, Lift-Up, the Community Budget Center, and Love INC.

That commitment showed up powerfully for two neighbors on County Road 8. One 87-year-old man lost his home and every belonging, escaping with only the clothes on his back. Another resident's home was saved, but the fire destroyed key utilities, outdoor structures, and damaged their property. United Way supported both households with emergency aid and vital resources—proving that in moments of crisis, our community shows up for one another when it matters most.

“Evacuating to a hotel drained what little I had. United Way helped with lodging and travel costs when I desperately needed a lifeline.”

“With all of the smoke from the wildfires, the air was affecting my husband’s MS. You helped us get a safe place to stay so we could breathe again.”

“We needed grass seed to stabilize our property and prevent mudslides. United Way stepped in with resources we didn’t know how to access on our own.”

*All work was completed in partnership with the Yampa Valley Community Foundation.

HIGHLIGHTS

THIS PAST YEAR, UNITED WAY OF THE YAMPA VALLEY MADE SIGNIFICANT STRIDES IN STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY—EXPANDING CRITICAL PROGRAMS, DEEPENING LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS, AND DRIVING MEANINGFUL IMPACT ACROSS NORTHWEST COLORADO.

United Way's Day of Caring is an invaluable event for us. Each May, their dedicated volunteers help tackle large-scale projects that would be impossible for our small staff to complete alone. We are incredibly grateful for their generosity and continue to rely on this partnership year after year.

- Robin Miller,
Steamboat
Creates



Youth United Way-Moffat County

Gave out \$11k in grant allocation funds to local non profits.

The program is open to high school aged students which provides education and opportunities for advocacy, philanthropy and volunteerism in the community.



Day of Caring-Moffat County

45 Volunteers
4 Projects



Gather-Moffat County Coffee, Conversation & Community

Brought over 50 seniors together to address mental health and feelings of isolation.

We continue to strengthen ties in Moffat & Rio Blanco communities and look forward to expanding our programs in 2026.



Holiday Food Gift Cards - Routt County

We worked to ensure nominated families in our community had access to a warm meal over the holiday season by collecting purchased food gift cards from Safeway and City Market.

20 Nominating Agencies
 1,266 Total Cards
 422 Families Served
 \$29,390.98 Total Donations



Community Thanksgiving - Routt County

Because of our amazing community, and philanthropic companies, neighbors came together to share a meal, create memories, and celebrate the true spirit of Thanksgiving.

500 Attendees
 700 Meals Served
 284 Volunteers



Day of Caring - Routt County

A half-day event that connects volunteers with projects for nonprofits, government, and low-income individuals in the community.

339 Volunteers
 27 Organizations Served
 29 Total Projects
 1026 Volunteer Hours
 \$30,718.00 Saved



UNITED WAY
Yampa Valley

**WOMEN
UNITED**

WOMEN UNITED

Women United, a UWYV affinity group, is dedicated to creating lasting change, in Routt County.

This past year, Women United helped us to expand our financial literacy classes, to provide more individuals with the tools and knowledge needed to achieve financial stability. Through hands-on workshops and mentorship, participants gained essential skills in budgeting, saving, and long-term financial planning.

In addition to financial literacy, Women United hosted several signature events, including a school supply drive and a community baby shower.

With each event and initiative, Women United is strengthening our community and providing more opportunities for women and families to thrive.



Supplies for Success

\$13,265 in school supplies collected and distributed to Routt County schools and youth

170 packed backpacks distributed to local families across Routt County

150 volunteer hours logged



Community Baby Shower

1,568 diapers
240 pull-ups
5,670 wipes



Lunch and Learn

Each year, Women United hosts free Lunch and Learn events, welcoming the community to engage in meaningful discussions. In 2025, these impactful sessions focused on mental health, providing attendees with valuable insights on how to support those in need. 72 participants gained essential knowledge and enjoyed a complimentary lunch in a welcoming and supportive environment.

FINANCIAL LITERACY

- 98
Total Participants
- 8 Financial Literacy Classes
- 3 Budgeting Classes
23 Participants
- 2 Credit Classes
21 Participants
- 1 Home Buying Class
13 Participants
- 1 Investing Class
22 Participants
- 1 Insurance Class
19 Participants

What did you find most valuable about the Budgeting Class?

“Having a personalized experience with my own mentor and learning how to properly use my budget book.”

- Budget Class Participant



DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a book gifting program that mails free, high-quality books to children from birth to age five, no matter their family's income. It is a signature program of United Way of the Yampa Valley Women United.

7,242
Books mailed between
September 2024 and
August 2025

755
Children served

**“Without this resource
I’m not sure I would have
books in my home. I
love seeing my little one
enjoying story time.”**

- Routt County DPIL Parent

**“The books are helping
prepare my child for
kindergarten”**

91% of parents surveyed
responded ‘Yes’

**“My child has an
increased interest in
looking at books on
their own”**

76% of parents surveyed
responded ‘Yes’

**“The reading tips
provided on the back
flap of the soft cover
books give me ideas”**

68% of parents surveyed
responded ‘Yes’



FUNDRAISING EVENT SPOTLIGHT

December 19- January 11, 2026

Double your donations

PEAK GIVING

to support local families!



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**DOING
GOOD**
IT'S IN OUR
NATURE

Steamboat



A buff contest was run for local students! The winning design was printed and offered to donors.

Steamboat Ski and Resort Corporation leads a group matching up to **\$20,000** in donations!



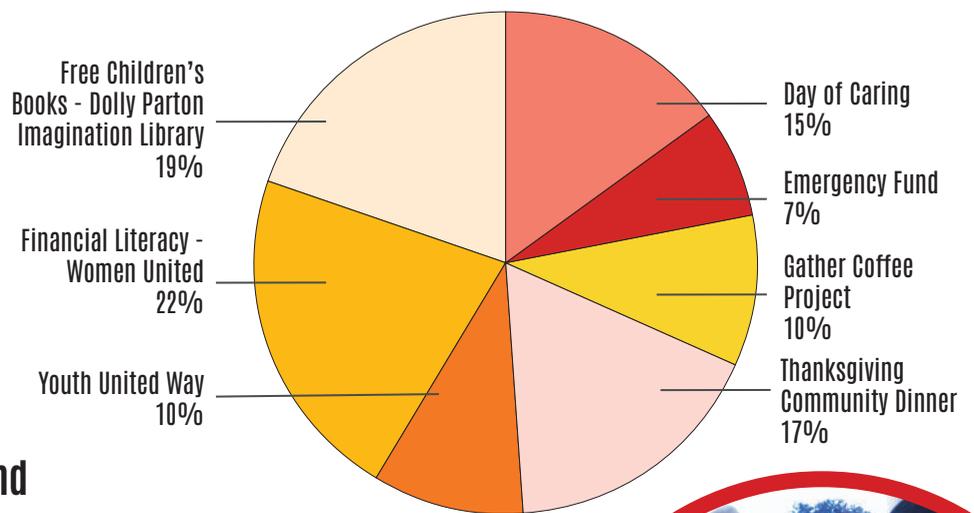
BUFF UP YOUR DONATION

Suggested donation: \$20
while supplies last

PROGRAM INVESTMENTS

GRANTS

UWYV secured **\$182,586** in grant funding to advance and sustain our programs.



Merger & Operations
\$47,053



Education
\$16,000



Financial Literacy
\$96,033



Health & Crisis Services
\$23,500



STRONGER TOGETHER: A YEAR OF TRANSITION

A Bold New Chapter

The merger of Routt County United Way and Moffat County United Way from 2023-2025 to form **United way of the Yampa Valley** marked an exciting new beginning for our region.

A Year of Transition

These first years were a true transition, and we successfully maintained strong grant funding while laying the foundation for future growth. Like many nonprofits, we experienced fundraising challenges as economic pressures affected donations. These challenges strengthened our resolve and inspired improvements to our approach.

Looking Ahead

We've implemented a streamlined process where future grant awards will follow campaign fundraising—ensuring stability, transparency, and maximum impact. With this solid foundation, we are poised for greater success and deeper community impact in the years ahead.

Strengthening Our Foundation

During this transition, United Way of the Yampa Valley advanced revenue diversification to support long-term sustainability. In fiscal year 2024-25, UWYV secured approximately \$182,586 through eight awarded grants from a diverse mix of public and private funders, supporting regional and county-specific initiatives across the Yampa Valley and strengthening financial resilience alongside community giving.

OUR DONORS

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR DONORS AND SUPPORTERS.
YOUR GENEROSITY UNITES OUR COMMUNITY.

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