



# LIVE UNITED

Greater Gallatin United Way

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## Our Work

### ONE Organization, UNITED Effort, GREAT Results

#### Who We Are

Greater Gallatin United Way (GGUW) has been an essential and vibrant supporter of the community since 1978. We are a community leader in collective impact-driven work, addressing the human service needs of Gallatin, Madison, Meagher and Park Counties. To achieve our mission, "Improving lives by mobilizing the caring power of our communities," we...

- Identify priority community issues around **Health, Education** and **Income**
- Secure resources through an annual fundraising campaign, grant writing, utilizing existing community assets and developing innovative partnerships
- Convene individuals, businesses, nonprofits and government to work collectively targeting root causes
- Provide essential funding through our Community Investment/Impact process to vetted partner programs, ensuring donors that their dollars are wisely invested to make the most impact
- Mobilize community members, businesses and their workforce to get involved by giving, advocating and/or volunteering

#### What We Do

As a centralized philanthropy, we believe that real long-term change is best generated by a **united** effort, working collectively through a common agenda. When nonprofits are equipped to effectively collaborate, duplication is reduced and each partner's contribution multiplies to deliver greater results for the community.

#### Community Focused Goals

**Health:** Increase knowledge, resources, access and opportunities to be healthy and make healthy choices

**Education:** Keep kids on track to achieve their full potential.

**Income:** Fulfill basic needs and helping to build long-term financial stability and self-sufficiency.

#### Our Work in Education

GGUW works to keep kids on track to achieve their full potential. To reach this goal, GGUW and our partner organization programs and services strive to...

- Ensure all children enter kindergarten ready to learn
- Ensure all children are reading at or above grade-level by third grade
- Ensure all youth graduate high school ready for college or career

## BARNES & NOBLE

### Book Drive

Each year, GGUW partners with Barnes & Noble to collect needed books to distribute throughout our community. These, along with other donated books are distributed by GGUW and partner organizations to ensure that all children have a book of their own to read at home. Book distribution highlights include:

- **Belgrade Fall Festival Parade "FALLing in love with books"** - GGUW distributes over 400 books to children ages 0-12 along the parade route. One excited child said, "This is the best part of the parade!"
- **Gallatin Early Childhood Community Council** - ECCC distributes books at early childhood events, including

Child Development Day, New Student and Kindergarten Registration Day, Preschool Fair and Parade of Preschools, and Family Forums held in Bozeman, Livingston, Belgrade, and Big Sky.

- **Gallatin City-County Health Department Maternal Child Health Program** - *"Thanks again for giving us books to distribute on our home visits for our Public Health Home Visiting Program. We use the "Parents As Teachers" evidence-based home visiting model. This model encourages home visitors to give a children's book at every visit in an effort to support our parents reading with their children. The families that we serve typically are identified as "high risk" due to issues including domestic violence, age, mental health concerns, substance abuse, and socioeconomic status. We receive referrals from health care providers, WIC, the Department of Family Services, and Bozeman Deaconess Hospital. Thank you so much for considering our Program for this great opportunity as we continue to promote the importance of reading to the families."* Amie Gatterdam, Maternal Child Health Program Manager
- **GGUW kidsLINK Afterschool Program** - Books are added to the afterschool program libraries. Afterschool programs are located at 29 school-based/linked sites across 4 counties, serving over 1,500 children daily. *"Giving and sharing the gift of reading is one of the best ways to achieve students' academic performance. It helps with fluency, comprehension, spelling, and overall language development. Reading is also a wonderful pastime."* Megan Brenna, kidsLINK Program Director
- **Child Care Connections** - Books are used in Child Care Connection's Child Care Provider Training and Education Programs. In addition, books are given to families in their Family Service Program.
- **Community Health Partners Reach Out and Read** - Doctors and nurses distribute books to children 0 – 5 years old when they have a medical or dental visit. Approximately 150 books a month are distributed through their 6 clinics in West Yellowstone, Belgrade, Bozeman, Livingston and 2 dental clinics.
- **Belgrade Festival of Lights & Belgrade Community Library** - Books are distributed to families participating in the festivities at the library.
- **GGUW & Big Brothers Big Sisters of Gallatin County** - "Little's" receive a book during their holiday party in December.
- **Thrive Partnership Project and Thriving Babies Program** - Thrive's home visiting program provides families with parent education, life skills, assistance accessing community resources and encouragement to grow. Books are used by providers and given to families.
- **Livingston Food Pantry Library** - Families in need select books from the pantry library while acquiring healthful food.
- **Bozeman & Belgrade Schools Kindergarten Registration** – Books are given to families at kindergarten registration.
- **Big Sky Youth Dynamics** – Books and backpacks were given to teenagers staying in the Big Sky Youth Shelter.
- **Week of the Young Child Conference** – Books are given to families who participate in activities during this week-long event.
- **Bozeman Library Summer Learning Program**
- **Belgrade Community Library and GGUW kidsLINK Afterschool Family Nights**
- **Gallatin Mental Health Center** – Provide books to young patients utilizing their services.
- **Gallatin YMCA Children's Summer Programs and Teen Parents** – Y Achievers is a 6-week summer reading program for 1st - 3rd grade children geared toward addressing the Achievement Gap; disparity in academic performance of educational attainment. Summer learning loss prevention for children who are reading at or below grade level or most at risk for falling further behind.
- **Livingston Roundup Parade "It's Blooming Books"** - Volunteers for GGUW helped distribute 300 books during the parade.
- **Summer School Library Opening** - Emily Dickinson and Meadowlark received approximately 50 books for their summer reading pilot project. During the summer, students may checkout books from their school library and are also receive a book to keep. The goal is to provide easy access to books, encourage summer reading and decrease summer learning loss.
- **Kohl's Cares Holiday Giving Event** - Provide Christmas gifts for families in need.
- **Holiday Gifts for Families in Need**

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