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Pikes Peak United Way's 2-1-1 is Here to Help Families and Individuals Impacted by the Shutdown

Colorado Springs, CO, January 10, 2019 – Pikes Peak United Way's 2-1-1 is committed to helping our neighbors in the Pikes Peak region impacted by the federal government shutdown. Furloughed federal employees and government contractors in need of social services and individuals with questions about availability of public benefits can call 2-1-1 to get help.

Our 2-1-1 specialists can help those in need connect to food pantries, health care services and utility assistance. Callers also can receive information on mental health counseling, transportation, job training, substance use recovery services, child care and volunteer opportunities. Mortgage and rental assistance are **not** available at this time.

2-1-1 is a free, confidential referral and information service that connects people in need to a specialist who can help find local health and human services. Pikes Peak United Way's 2-1-1 is open M-F, 8am-5pm and also offers text and chat capabilities.

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About Pikes Peak United Way

Pikes Peak United Way works to advance the common good, creating opportunities for a better life for all by focusing on the three key quality of life building blocks - education, income and health. Pikes Peak United Way creates long-lasting community change by addressing the underlying causes that prevent progress in these areas. For more information about Pikes Peak United Way, please visit ppunitedway.org.