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Pikes Peak United Way receives \$175,000 grant from The Anschutz Foundation and Gazette Charities to support crucial work in Pikes Peak region

Colorado Springs, July 13, 2020 — Pikes Peak United Way is grateful to announce that we have been awarded a \$175,000 grant from The Anschutz Foundation and Gazette Charities to help us serve and strengthen our community during a year marked by uncertainty and unprecedented need.

Pikes Peak United Way's work to improve youth success and family stability in the Pikes Peak region wouldn't be possible without the longtime support of generous donors like The Anschutz Foundation. This is the largest grant that Pikes Peak United Way has received from Gazette Charities and The Anschutz Foundation.

Of the grant, \$75,000 will fund 2-1-1, the free, confidential resource and referral hotline run by Pikes Peak United Way, and bolster our COVID-19 response. In the months since the pandemic hit the Pikes Peak region, our trained 2-1-1 call specialists have been an especially crucial source of comfort and aid to people who are struggling.

The 2-1-1 hotline provides personalized referrals for health and human services, including rent assistance, food, utilities assistance, health care and much more. It reaches people in 12 counties, including El Paso County and Teller counties.

PPUW's Cornerstone Program will receive the other \$100,000, which goes to operating costs of the nonprofit, ensuring that more donor dollars directly support youth success and family stability. With that support, Pikes Peak United Way is able to run programs including Colorado Springs Promise, the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, Peak Progress - Quality of Life Indicators, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and the Community Investment Fund, which distributes hundreds of thousands of dollars to local nonprofits each year. Last year, these programs helped over 87,000 residents in El Paso and Teller counties improve their education, income stability and health.

In the attached photo, Cindy Aubrey, president and CEO of Pikes Peak United Way, and Deb Mahan, executive director of Gazette Charities, stand in front of Pikes Peak United Way's building in downtown Colorado Springs.

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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.

