

**Pikes Peak United Way****Contact:** Abby Kappel**EMAIL:** [abby@ppunitedway.org](mailto:abby@ppunitedway.org)**PHONE NUMBER:** 928-202-0353**Harrison School District Two****Contact:** Christine O'Brien**EMAIL:** [cobrien@hsd2.org](mailto:cobrien@hsd2.org)**PHONE NUMBER:** 719-660-2033**Over 450 Families and Students will benefit from Pikes Peak United Way Holiday Drives**

**November 29, 2021** – Pikes Peak United Way is spreading the holiday cheer this season by supporting families and students in Harrison School District 2 through multiple drives and events.

Currently, PPUW is gathering support for families in HSD2 with a District-Wide Adopt-A-Family Christmas Drive. Twenty-two school counselors in the district worked together to provide a list of families who might not have the ability to provide necessities or gifts for their families this holiday season to PPUW. These families are now available for adoption as part of the Adopt-A-Family Christmas Drive. PPUW is currently looking for those in the community who would like to adopt the families and make their holiday season a little brighter. A list of wants and needs for each family member and a short description of each family's current situation is included on the site.

The local Amazon Distribution Center has joined PPUW in this endeavor and has agreed to adopt 64 families. On Thursday, December 9, Amazon is presenting a check for \$9,750, which will be used to purchase gifts for the 64 adopted families. The check presentation is scheduled for 4 pm at the Amazon Distribution Center off Powers Blvd.

Over 160 families still need to be adopted. Those interested in supporting a family can visit [PPUW's Volunteer Platform](#) and sign up. The Adopt-A-Family Christmas Drive runs through December 10, 2021. Those interested in adopting a family can find a complete list of instructions online. In total, over 230 families in HSD2 will be supported during this drive.

In addition to the Adopt-A-Family holiday drive, PPUW's Emerging Leaders Council is once again adopting a school to support this holiday season. Over 220 students at Stratmoor Hills Elementary School will receive gifts. On Tuesday, December 7, members of the Emerging Leaders Council and volunteers will gather to wrap the gifts before they are delivered to the school. The annual Wrap Party will take place from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Space Foundation Discovery Center located at 4425 Arrowswest Dr.