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## **Pikes Peak United Way Grants \$700,680 to 29 Local Nonprofit Programs**

*Front Range Charities Benefit from Community Investment Fund Supporting Family Stability, Youth Success, and Health*

**Colorado Springs, Colo.** — Pikes Peak United Way (PPUW) announced \$700,680 in grants to 29 nonprofit programs for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

The funding is split over three different areas of impact – youth success, health, and family stability – in conjunction with the Pikes Peak United Way vision to support the Colorado Springs community. These grants will impact the lives of an estimated 70,000 people in the Pikes Peak region. Of the total number of organizations selected in the competitive process, three nonprofits are newly funded partner agencies.

The Community Investment Fund is a community and donor-driven initiative where donors specify the funding areas for their money to support. PPUW's Community Investment volunteers screen applicants for fiscal responsibility, effectiveness, and impact alignment. Then they select the organizations that best support donors' intent. This year, 29 agencies were selected for funding across 31 programs.

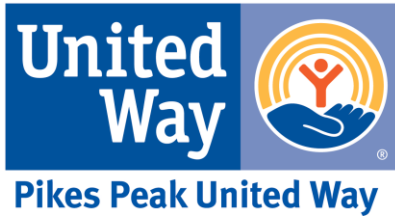
"We are thrilled to be able to award each of these deserving organizations this year," said Elizabeth Quevedo, director of community impact. "We are so grateful to our wonderful community members and donors who helped make this possible, and we are eager to see the lives that will be impacted."

Pikes Peak United Way screens every organization for fiscal responsibility, effectiveness and outcomes, and alignment with PPUW's strategic plan and donor intent. Organizations complete an in-depth application process and participate in a site visit with the volunteers who have reviewed their applications. The volunteers rate and score the organizations. PPUW's Community Impact Council then takes the volunteer scores and input to create allocations recommendations, which are presented to the PPUW Board of Directors for final approval.

See attached page for the list of nonprofits awarded grants this cycle.

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**About Pikes Peak United Way:** The mission of Pikes Peak United Way is to enhance youth success and family stability in the Pikes Peak region by leading and lifting the most vulnerable in our community with mentorship, life resources, and real job opportunities. Our signature programs and partner agencies focus on connecting youth and their families to resources at the front end of their life journey to ensure access to fundamental needs of food, shelter, and learning resources. Visit <https://www.ppunitedway.org/> for more information. #LiveUnited



The following nonprofits will receive funding from Pikes Peak United Way:

#### **Youth Success**

- Peak Education
- Assistance League of Colorado Springs
- The Place
- Forge Evolution
- Junior Achievement of Southern Colorado
- CASA of the Pikes Peak Region
- Court Care of the Pikes Peak Region
- Fostering Hope Foundation
- Early Connections
- CPCD
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado
- Partners in Housing
- Lutheran Social Services
- Hope & Home

#### **Family Stability**

- Catholic Charities
- Crossfire Ministries
- Silver Key Senior Services
- Homeward Pikes Peak
- TESSA
- Greccio Housing
- Community of Caring
- Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center
- Tri-Lake Cares

#### **Health**

- Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern Colorado
- Safe Passage
- Care and Share Food Bank
- Dream Centers
- Serenity Recovery Connection
- The Resource Exchange



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