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## **Pikes Peak United Way Provides Students at Three Elementary Schools with Holiday Gifts**

**Colorado Springs, Colo.**— Pikes Peak United Way collected more than 1,700 gifts for students at Remington Elementary in School District 49, as well as Carver Elementary and Edison Elementary in Colorado Springs School District 11 this holiday season.

United Way staff and volunteers will distribute presents to every child — something they need or want — in the three schools. Santa might even make an appearance.

In its second year, United Way expanded the program from one school to three schools to meet wider need in the community. The schools are all Title One schools, the largest federal program supporting students in elementary education. Resources are based on the poverty rates of enrolled students and are designed to make sure all children can meet state academic standards.

“It’s so much fun to watch the kids open these gifts,” said Cindy Aubrey, CEO of Pikes Peak United Way. “For many, these are the only presents they’ll receive — and we love being able to do this work and help their families.”

Presents will be distributed from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14 at Remington Elementary, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Edison students will receive their gifts from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, and Carver students will receive gifts from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 19.

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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. Pikes Peak United Way is celebrating its 100th year and will host a series of celebratory events in 2023. Visit <https://www.ppunitedway.org/> for more information. #LiveUnited