



UWDP News

HOLIDAY GIFT PROGRAMS

In November we are kicking off two Community Impact Programs. Both Adopt A Family and Holiday Gift Distribution help local kids celebrate Christmas.



Adopt A Family: An organization, family or individual may request a family by the number of children they wish to buy for. A wish-list for each of these children is then provided to the adopter. The adopter purchases as much as they can, or would like, off of their wish-list. Unwrapped gifts are then dropped off at our office. All parties are kept confidential. [Click here to learn more.](#)

We are now accepting adopters! Please contact our office at 320-834-7800 or email kbrickweg@uwdp.org to get registered.



Holiday Gift Distribution: We have the Holiday Gift Distribution to serve families that didn't get registered for Adopt A Family. With the help of local businesses and organizations, we collect donations of new gifts for children ages 0 - 18. These gifts are then made available to community members through the Holiday Gift Distribution Program. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Please contact our office at 320-834-7800 or email kbrickweg@uwdp.org to host a collection box.

LITTLE LIBRARIES



To encourage childhood literacy our Women's Leadership Council is investing in stocking and maintaining 6 Little Libraries. The Little Libraries will be placed in different community locations throughout Douglas and Pope Counties.

The materials needed to create our Little Libraries were donated and cut to size by Hilltop Lumber. AAHS Industrial Technology students then assembled and primed our Little Libraries. We are so grateful for all of the groups that helped to make these possible!

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Business Campaign Photos



It has been so fun to watch all of the enthusiasm around our campaign this year. Click the link above to view some of the internal area business activities that take place as part of their United Way campaign. We encourage you to share your events and photos with us!

To set up a campaign presentation please contact Kris Chisholm at kchisholm@uwdp.org or 320-834-7800.

Photo Above: Duane, winner of Massman's penny wars, gets ready to kiss Firefly the goat.

Upcoming Events

Get Involved

UWDP PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Mobile Food Drop | Wednesday, November 30th

New Life Christian Church starting at 11:00 am

Holiday Gift Collection | Now - December 16th

UWDP will visit participating businesses to pick up collection boxes on the 16th.

Adopt A Family | Now - December 12th

UWDP will be accepting adopters until the close of the program on December 12th.

UWDP SPONSORED EVENTS

Unlock Your Fundraising DNA Training | Thursday, November 3rd

[Register Here](#)

LAST DAY TO REGISTER!

**Training is for non-profit organizations only!*

Volunteer Opportunites

Community Volunteer Opportunities

Mobile Food Drop | Wednesday, November 30th

Seeking volunteers to help distribute food to attendees. Email mhaug@uwdp.org if you are interested.

If you are looking for additional volunteer opportunities within our community click the button above! Some opportunities are in direct collaboration with the Community Impact Programs of United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties or supported programs, while other opportunities are needs from similar organizations within our communities.

Thank You!

Thank you, coat collectors!

We love to see our community members get creative in how they share time and talents for the benefit of UWDP and in return our community. Below are some highlights from October.

Abby Kleinschmidt shared with us why she donated to the Community Coat Room:

"After my son brought 2 sets of gloves to school every day last year for his friend whose mom couldn't afford them, I knew I wanted to do something to keep kids warm for winter. My son also wore through 2 snowpants and 2 coats last winter. By spring they were torn and falling apart. I realized how hard school age kids are on their clothes. I couldn't donate them because of their condition. So I decided to take \$1,000 from the Pay It Forward program through my employer, Bell Bank, and buy new coats, snowpants and boots for school age kids. Target worked with me and we were able to purchase them!"



The world's cutest coat collectors, Aubrey and Allie Johnson, went door to door with mom Carrie, collecting coats from their neighbors to give to our Community Coat Room. What an inspiration these girls and their mom are! Thank you, Aubrey, Allie and Carrie Johnson!

Stay in touch!



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