



Holiday Gift Program

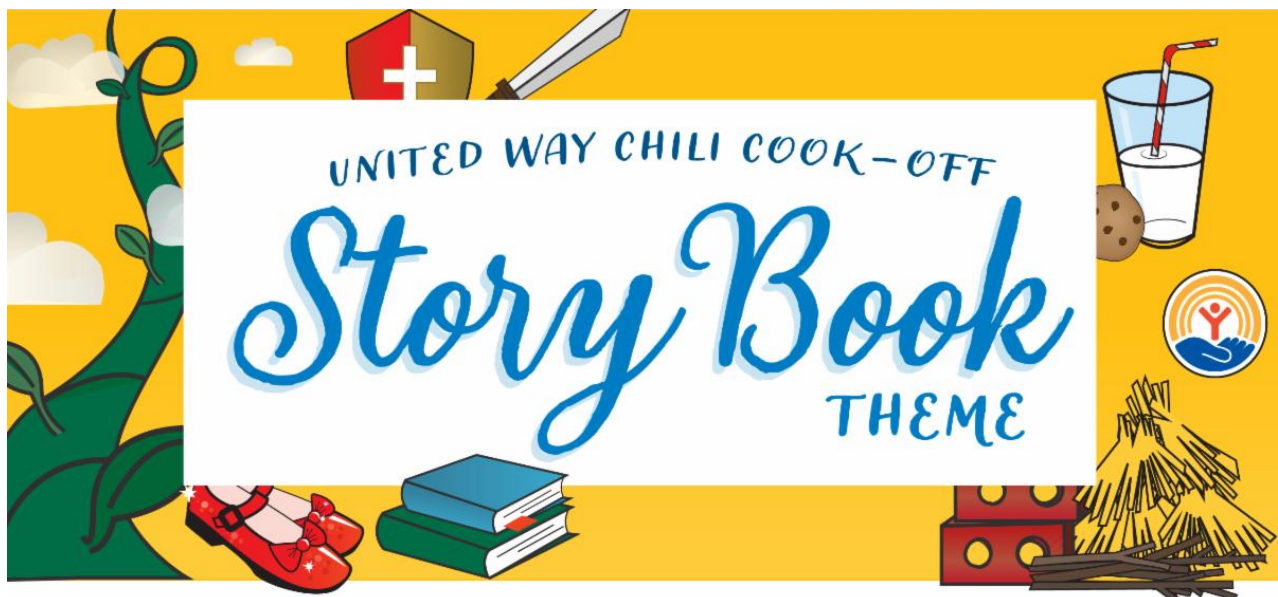
United Way's Holiday Gift Program connects families who need help purchasing gifts for their children with another person (or group) who would like to sponsor their children by checking items off their wishlist! This program serves Douglas and Pope County children ages 0-18.

Families are matched based on the number of children a sponsor would like to purchase for. A wishlist for each child is then provided by email. The sponsor purchases items off of the wishlist. New, unwrapped gifts can be dropped off at the United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties office at the close of the program. All parties are kept confidential!

- [I would like to Sponsor a child](#)
- [Register](#)

December 9th: Registration closes

December 10th: Unwrapped gifts are due to our office!



Tuesday, February 15, 2022

We are so excited to announce the 23rd Annual Chili Cook-off! This year's theme is Children's Story Books. Cooks will be choosing their favorite story and following in theme for dress and table display.

Admission ticket gets you a bowl to taste 25+ different chilis and entered for a chance to win a doorprize! Take part in this event by:

- [Registering your Team](#)
- [Sponsorship Opportunities](#)

Coat Room Wrap Up

Wow! We are so grateful for all of the wonderful donations we received this year for our Coat Drive; thank you! After our Drive ended we swiftly transformed our space to accommodate the donations.

Over the next 2 weeks we welcomed 200+ community members who were able to find needed items for themselves and their family members.

Sharing your donations of warm winter coats with our community is an honor. This program couldn't happen without you! Thank you!



2-1-1 Hope Starts Here

If you or someone you know is looking for assistance call 2-1-1 to access free and confidential referrals for services and programs in your community such as:

- Food and housing support
- Mental health and substance abuse resources
- Legal assistance
- Medical and dental clinics
- Employment services
- Veteran services
- Household items
- Childcare and family services
- & MORE!



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Book Sorting:

We are in need of a few volunteers to sort books by age groups for our Traveling Tree House! This project would be done in the at the United Way Office. Dates and times are

flexible! Email: Leah Wolkow (lwolkow@uwdp.org)

Food Drop:

Volunteers are needed in both Pope and Douglas Counties to help at the Food Drops. It takes *30 - 50 volunteers every Food Drop* to make this program happen. Consider sending a team! Email: Leah Wolkow (lwolkow@uwdp.org) to learn more or sign up.

- Pope County | Tuesday, December 7th @ Glenwood United Parish
Morning & Afternoon shifts available!
- Douglas County | **Wednesday**, December 22nd @ New Life Christian Church
Morning & Afternoon shifts available!

Check out Volunteer Opportunities from United Way and local nonprofits:

GetConnected

GetConnected is our website that hosts Douglas and Pope County volunteer opportunities from United Way and other local non-profits. You can create a profile, choose your favorite organizations and receive email updates when new opportunities are available.

Try a Speed Volunteering Project:

Projects

These projects can be easily coordinated and completed with friends, families, youth groups or coworkers. Simply choose a project and follow the worksheet. When you have completed your project connect with United Way to arrange a drop off. United Way will then connect these resources with people who need them in Douglas and Pope Counties.

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