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United Way of Reno County’s mission is to mobilize the caring power of our community. We work with partner agencies, direct programs, and community partnerships to provide services focused on the building blocks for a good quality of life: Education, Health, Financial Stability and Disaster Services.

Funds raised during the Annual Campaign provide financial support to 24 partner agencies and 4 direct programs.

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United Way of Reno County
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Hospice of Reno County
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Hadley Day Care Center
Early Education Center
Circles of Hope
Cerebral Palsy Research Center
BrightHouse
Boy Scouts Quivira Council
Boys & Girls Club
211 Help Hotline

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United Way Direct Programs
TFI Family Services - Rally Reno COVID grant
Rally Reno nonprofits grants
Rally Reno Direct Programs
Rally Reno COVID grant
Rally Reno: helps people afford the medications they need
United Way of Reno County: a prescription savings program that helps people afford the medications they need for free

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and participate in ALL these programs and services because of your generosity.
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JEREMIAH’S MOM

Jeremiah is known to be different...to others it is a scary approach to talk about. To me it is just education and learning in all spectrums of life. Jeremiah has OHH Blininess and Cerebral Palsy, he comes with a cyst on his brain so he has a shunt that well to drain fluid. When I wanted to have a child I never imagined going through this journey, but I tackled it with both hands on the horns of the bull. When I was going back to work I looked into Hadley Day Care Center, they accepted Jeremiah with full force and open arms. We were a team, everything I needed help with while I was at work, they did. Such as when he began eating solids, we had to teach him to use a spoon for as long open so he knew the spoon was coming because he couldn’t see properly. Moving forward his arms and legs needed to be moved and stretched due to the stiffness caused by CP, they did it with no hesitation. It has not been always an easy experience but with me giving excellent ways to help we have really grown into a strong team. Jeremiah is finally starting to walk, some doctors never thought he would. With the help of physical therapy and the staff at HDCC working with him he is walking more and more as he grows. HDCC has been my team in helping to raise my child, even with all his special needs. We have a great communication and partnership. I am very grateful to them all and they have done for Jeremiah.

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At United Way, we believe every child deserves the same chance to achieve their dreams, no matter their circumstance. That’s why we work to change the systems that keep people in poverty, the barriers to access to quality child care by addressing the inequities that families and centers in our communities face. Kids who are kindergarten-ready are primed for a lifetime filled with learning. The research is clear: focusing on the early years is the most impactful and cost-effective strategy we can use to improve long-term outcomes for low-income children. Investing in early childhood significantly reduces social costs such as special education and remediation and subsequently increases the future earnings for the children involved, along with many other positive outcomes. Our goal is that all children enter kindergarten ready to learn and we need to support affordable, quality day care centers in Reno County so that we can achieve that.

CAMPBELL CHAIR DEBRA TEUFEL

GIVING TO UNITED WAY supports the building blocks for a good quality of life and a strong community. Money raised in our community stays local to support health, income, and education. We believe everyone should have the opportunity to thrive. I am proud to live United and make our community a better place.

When we began the campaign in the midst of a pandemic, we knew that the need were great and the opportunity to help was more important than ever. Our Reno County community always makes me proud, but this year, in this critical time, you all made my role as the United Way Chairman an incredibly easy task. Thank you for making the pledge that helped people when they needed it most, so we all may live United.
CRISIS INTERVENTION

As a result of the pandemic, United Way launched so much about crisis intervention after working with so many residents whose stability was upended due to COVID. Our work with the unmet needs fund with Rally Reno has given us a new way for what is possible. One Door. Hundreds of Connections, this is our vision for crisis intervention and stabilization in Reno County.

No Wrong Door creates a connected web among nonprofits, churches, and service organizations so families in need can easily find support and resources. We utilize the expertise of our network to ensure families can access the rich variety of services, programs, and opportunities available in our community. No Wrong Door is not a new organization or service, but a mindset shared between existing agencies. We know we can do more to lift people out of crisis when we partner to provide a robust menu of options to families and individuals.

Because the needs of everyone in Reno County are met, we all win. Here is what we learned over the last several years and especially through the work done with Rally Reno and the pandemic.

• People in crisis are missing opportunities that may give them the leg up they need to break the cycle of poverty.
• Reno County has a vast network of service agencies, churches, and nonprofits, but are shackled by a limited or patchy network linking them together.
• When a need arises, a person in crisis spends a huge amount of time and energy just surviving.
• Currently each time a person in crisis meets with a service provider, they must repeat their story, often resulting in prolonged trauma at each site they visit for support.
• No Wrong Door can help them move toward stabilization. We want to use this concept to:
  • Inspire partnership among Reno County service organizations
  • Reno County nonprofits work in tandem with one another
  • Create the biggest benefit for the user
  • Fill gaps and create greater impact
  • Access to the knowledge and resources of everyone in the network
  • Reduce the likelihood that struggling residents hit dead ends
  • More complete continuum of care
  • Generate broader support for local services
  • We help our community members see all the opportunities available to them in their time of need
  • We connect donors of financial resources and goods to the agency where it can best be utilized
  • Empower deeper problem solving
  • Convene key stakeholders to identify and co-develop solutions to important issues
  • Foster social innovation

We envision Reno County as a place in which all people have equitable access to resources and support needed to achieve their hopes and dreams by fostering a community where the people we serve are hopeful, resilient, and self-sufficient.

Together with our partners, we are working to build an infrastructure to bridge across service silos and tear down systemic barriers that have prevented equitable access to resources for families. Our collective goal is to help families move out of poverty toward a future of their choosing.

Rally Reno helps individuals

RALLY RENO RECIPIENT
Ciera

Ciera is a single mom with 3 kids, the oldest being 4 years old. She works in a supervisory position at a fast-food restaurant making less than $12 an hour. This makes it very hard to accumulate savings to help with emergencies. During COVID, she had to quarantine and lost 2 weeks of wages. This is when she contacted Rally Reno for help with rent and utilities as all her bills were still due. Imagine yourself in her position, 3 young children depending on you, bills to pay, no way to make money, and quarantined because of a pandemic. She is grateful Rally Reno was there to help get caught back up.

Because she makes less than $2000 per month, Ciera qualifies for the Salvation Army’s Christmas gift initiative and the Volunteer Center’s VITA program for taxes. She has dental coverage with Delta Dental’s discount plan, which is United Way supported.

Her three children are receiving free books once a month from the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. The older two children go to the Early Ed Center, and the family sees a therapist at Horizons Mental Health Center as Cierra needed help with parenting after her divorce. While these are just some of United Way’s funded partners, this is a great start for changing Cierra’s story.

Rally Reno helps businesses

APRON STRINGS
ANNE DOWELL

The Rally Reno County program was a lifesaver for our small business. Checks started streaming in before any of the loan assistance programs kicked in. We were able to pay the operating expense bills like insurance and utilities with this assistance. The checks came weekly and took a lot of stress off of our shoulders. The best part – it wasn’t a handout.

Rally Reno’s fast start kept providers afloat

The community quickly embraced the initiative as an outlet for helping sustain hard-hit local businesses and friends and neighbors in need. Gift-card purchases were matched by community foundation donors and those dollars funneled into the Reno County VOAD Unmet Needs Fund. For many of the 95 participating businesses, the $151,588 generated through Rally Reno provided an economic lifeline during the shutdown. “The collective efforts brought an injection of dollars that helped many stay afloat — helping them with the most basic of expenses,” said Chamber President Debra Teufel. “Some said it made a difference by simply helping them pay utilities, insurance and rent. This would not have been possible without the 770 people purchasing over 2,500 gift cards.”

For families and nonprofits in need, Rally Reno became a doorway to COVID relief, not just last spring but throughout 2020 when the website continued as an application portal to family economic assistance and COVID relief grants after the gift card program ended in May. Ultimately, the grant applications collected through the website resulted in 34 nonprofits, private schools and child care providers receiving a total of $1,205,000 in emergency assistance thanks to contributions from community foundation and United Way donors and federal CARES Act money. Dealing with the 917 applications for family assistance that poured in through the website was both gratifying and heavy work, said Lisa Gleason, Executive Director of United Way of Reno County, which oversaw the Unmet Needs Fund. “The needs of those who had been financially affected by COVID were great and sometimes their stories took a toll on our staff trying to find the best avenue for support,” she said. “It was at times difficult for us to even keep up with meeting those needs with our small office, and our team had to continually adapt.” In all, 423 Reno County families received a total of $227,694 in assistance.

United Way, others, embrace new understanding of County’s gaps

Lisa Gleason, Executive Director said the Rally Reno experience provided the United Way the chance to learn more about the barriers residents in crisis face in Reno County. “United Way has been working on the crisis entry into our community for some time now, but this disaster work shined a huge spotlight on the gaps here in Reno County,” she said. “These are things we never would’ve learned had we not been so ensconced in the work.” These new observations prompted United Way staff and others working on the front lines of the social support system to experiment with how these in crisis can best access and receive resources. Some of the trials are currently underway, with the hope of achieving permanent innovations in the system.

Reflecting on the past year and the Rally Reno project, Hutchinson Community Foundation President and CEO Aubrey Abbott Patterson said the strengthened relationships between the United Way, Chamber of Commerce and Community Foundation stood out as a bright spot amid the year’s difficulties. “Because of the pandemic, we know each other and our roles better than ever before. We’re clearer about our organizational strengths, and we know how to lean on each other for support when we need it,” Patterson said. “The relationships we’ve formed will continue and when the next challenge arises, we’ll be ready to jump in to the work together.”

Gleason believes that our community is stronger due to the collective support we give to each other and the willingness from everyone to work together for the betterment of Reno County. “Our community is better when we all strive to LIVE United.”

DISASTER

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LISA GLEASON

No Wrong Door creates a connected web among nonprofits, churches, and service organizations so families in need can easily find support and resources. The organizations, feeling an urgent need to act, swiftly teamed up to launch the gift-card purchasing platform RallyReno.org on March 26, 2020. After a year in service, the Rally Reno assistance program ended in late March.