

Key Information 2020



Mission: The Twin County United Way’s mission is to identify needs, unite people and share resources to improve lives in Nez Perce and Asotin counties.

Vision: Create a healthier community where everyone has the opportunity to live a better life.

**UNITED WE FIGHT.
UNITED WE WIN.
LIVE UNITED**

Live United: The Twin County United Way brings together community leaders and organizations from all sectors to work together to make our community better. United with our 22 nonprofit partners, we fight for the health, education and financial stability for every person in our community.

The Children’s Project | Kindergarten Boot Camp

The Children’s Project focuses on school readiness efforts. The main program supporting this effort is our Kindergarten Boot Camp. Kindergarten Boot Camp is a summer program that helps prepare children for kindergarten. This enables children – regardless of circumstances – to begin school ready to learn.

Familywise

United Way partners with Familywise to offer FREE prescription saving cards. These discount cards work at most local pharmacies on prescription medication not covered by insurance. Locally, the average savings on medications is 41%. Each month, our Familywise cards help Nez Perce and Asotin county residents save more than \$7,000 on prescriptions, 21 percent of these medications are for treatment of mental illness.



Community Needs Assessment

The Twin County United Way partnered with St. Joseph Regional Medical Center and Public Health – Idaho North Central District to conduct a community needs assessment in 2016 to identify the health, education and income needs and issues facing our region and the most urgent needs of the underserved.



	HEALTH	EDUCATION	INCOME
TOP NEED	Overweight, obesity and associated chronic diseases	Opportunities for college education or post high school training	Safe and affordable housing
2ND HIGHEST	Health insurance	Tutoring at-risk students	Food Assistance
3RD HIGHEST	Mental health and drug/alcohol use	Child day care and before/after school care	Managing finances and employment assistance

The full **2016 Community Needs Assessment: Health, Education & Income Report** can be found online at www.tcuw.org.

Meet ALICE

ALICE is a United Way acronym for **A**sset Limited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**mployed. ALICE refers to households that make more than the federal poverty level, but struggle to afford basic household necessities. The ALICE study, released by the United Ways of the Pacific Northwest, is a study intended to measure the true scale of financial hardship and describes what poverty and financially constrained households look like in each county.



The complete **ALICE Report** can be found on the Twin County United Way website, tcuw.org or at unitedwayalice.org.

ADVANCING EDUCATION INCOME AND HEALTH

United Way is Unique:

The United Way is unique in our ability to address the complexity of challenges in our community. Education, income and health are not experienced in silos. Creating opportunities for people to live successful lives requires an appreciation that these issues are integrated. The actions to build a stronger community need to be focused and coordinated. With that, we support what is needed most and what works locally to solve problems that no one can solve alone.

Community Fund Grants

The Twin County United Way awards two-year grants from the Community Fund to local nonprofits working to address local needs and support integrated solutions to our community's most pressing problems.

Education

Help children achieve their full potential. Our goal is to live in a community where children succeed at school, graduate on time and enter the workforce prepared for a strong future. The Twin County United Way awards grants from the Community Fund for educational programs that:



- Help children start school prepared
- Promote early grade level reading
- Help children succeed at school and graduate on time
- Assist students in pursuing college or post-secondary training

For the 2020-2021 grant cycle, the Twin County United Way places a priority on funding programs that increase the percentage of students in our community that are reading at grade-level by third grade.

Income (Financial Stability)

Fight poverty and help families and individuals achieve financial independence. Our goal is to reduce the number of households struggling financially and live in a community where people have access to safe and affordable housing. The Twin County United Way awards grants from the Community Fund for income programs that:



- Provide education and support to better manage income, savings and assets
- Teach skills to obtain (and keep) jobs that provide livable wages
- Increase safe and affordable housing options
- Provide homelessness prevention and assistance to homeless families and individuals

For the 2020-2021 grant cycle, the Twin County United Way places a priority on funding programs that are working to reduce homelessness and improve the financial stability of struggling households.

Health

Improve the overall health of residents. Our goal is to improve physical and mental health education, awareness and accessibility, especially for vulnerable or at-risk populations. The Twin County United Way awards grants from the Community Fund for health programs that:



- Expand access to quality health care, including mental, dental, vision, prenatal and preventative
- Provide health education and navigation
- Expand access to healthy foods and opportunities for physical activities
- Promote living in a healthy environment free from drugs, violence and/or abuse
- Provide assistance for vulnerable or at-risk populations
- Integrate trauma-informed care and build resilience

For the 2020-2021 grant cycle, the Twin County United Way places a priority on funding programs that focus on reducing the death by suicide rate in Asotin and Nez Perce counties.

2020-2021 Nonprofit Partners

Our nonprofit partners listed below were awarded grants from the Twin County United Way 2020-2021 Community Fund. These grants will fund specific programs such as advancing education, income, and health in the Nez Perce and Asotin counties.

Thank you to our generous donors who contribute to the Community Fund.

- 2nd Judicial District CASA
- Asotin County Food Bank
- Boys and Girls Clubs of the Lewis-Clark Valley
- Community Action Partnership
- Family Promise of the Lewis-Clark Valley
- First Step 4 Life Recovery Center LTD
- Friends of the Lewiston City Library
- Habitat for Humanity - LC Valley Partners
- Homes of Hope
- Idaho Foodbank
- Idaho Legal Aid Services
- Interlink, Inc.
- Lewis-Clark Special Olympics
- Lewis-Clark Valley Younglife
- Quality Behavioral Health
- Snake River Community Clinic
- Special Olympics Washington
- The Green Apple Project
- Valley Meals on Wheels
- WA-ID Volunteer Center
- Willow Center for Grieving Children
- YWCA of Lewiston/Clarkston

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