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Eight area nonprofits ask for support during WyoGives on July 15

JUNE 1, 2020—GILLETTE, WYOMING—Eight nonprofits in Campbell County have signed on to participate in [WyoGives](#), an initiative of the [Wyoming Nonprofit Network](#) that is designed to bring the state together as one community to raise money and awareness for Wyoming’s nonprofits.

Scheduled for Wednesday, July 15, this 24-hour day of giving takes place virtually at [wyogives.org](#). This is the first year this online fundraising day has been hosted in the state. The event is held on [GiveGab](#), an online fundraising platform where individuals can search and donate to nonprofits across the state. The platform also allows smaller nonprofits a chance to fundraise alongside more well-known organizations, broadening their reach to a larger audience to help raise more money.

Thanks to GiveGab, each nonprofit that participates can create a separate and customizable webpage for secure donations. GiveGab also provides the Wyoming Nonprofit Network a way to thoroughly vet the charities that participate to ensure donations go to worthwhile causes and good stewards of funds.

A list of the Campbell County nonprofits participating in WyoGives and their goals are below:

- [Campbell County Healthcare Foundation](#), partnering with YOU in the health and wellness of YOUR community, by addressing the critical need of patients in our community through financial assistance, medical supplies and hospitality stays. We also promote preventative care through our VIP (Vaccine for Influenza Prevention) Program and promote healthcare education through local scholarships. GOAL: \$5,000 to fill the increased need by our patients due to COVID-19 ramifications. For more information, contact Nachele McGrath at nachele@cchcf.com or 307.688.6235.
- [Council of Community Services](#) offers meals every day through its soup kitchen, provides nutrition to families in need in Campbell County, Wyoming through the food pantry, puts a roof over people’s head in times of crisis, provides case managers to help people deal with health emergencies, and works to move families into permanent housing. More families rely on the food pantry or require rent assistance to avoid hunger and homelessness due to layoffs related to the Coronavirus pandemic. At the same time, traditional fundraisers have been postponed as

we stay home and stay safe. GOAL: \$150,000. For more information, contact Misty Lange at misty@ccswy.org or 307-686-2730.

- [Edible Prairie Project](#) works to get food grown by local farmers and ranchers right here in Campbell County into the hands of children and families that need it most so we can build a more fair, resilient, and sustainable community food system. Our Summer Weekend Meals for Kids program provides kid-friendly and nutritious food packages, including at least one fresh fruit or vegetable, to children each weekend during summer break. We help maintain the Gillette Little Free Pantries – a network of upcycled newspaper dispensers placed in our city parks that any member of our community can access for food at any time, and our Veggie Baskets bring locally grown produce to everyone through our “pay-what-you-can” pricing. GOAL: \$3,000. For more information, contact Megan Taylor at megan@edibleprairieproject.org or 307-228-0044.
- [Energy Capital Habitat for Humanity](#) addresses the critical need for affordable housing by providing home ownership opportunities for Gillette families in need. We serve families whose income is 30 percent – 60 percent of the current median income, as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Wyoming. In clean, decent, stable housing, families can provide stability for their children; a family’s sense of dignity and pride grow; health, physical safety, and security improve; and educational and job prospects increase. GOAL: \$3,000 to help with the Critical Home Repairs program. For more information, contact Brenda Kirk at energycapitalhabitat@gmail.com or 307-228-0024.
- [Fur Kids Foundation](#): All too often animals suffer needlessly or are put down because expensive veterinary bills. Created in November 2011, Fur Kids Foundation helps families with pets afford emergency veterinary care when they cannot afford it in Campbell County. Many people have been laid off in Campbell County, Wyoming due to changing national and worldwide energy needs and wants, and due to the devastating effects that COVID-19 has had on our national and state economy. This means that Fur Kids Foundation will see an uptick in people who will need help if their pet gets hurt or ill unexpectedly. GOAL: \$5,000 and five new volunteers. For more information, contact Felicia Messimer at furkidsfoundation@gmail.com or 307-363-1132.
- [Gillette College Foundation](#) works to advance student success at Gillette College. The Foundation provides funding for specific projects, such as the Rodeo/Ag Complex, Area 59 and the Pronghorn Center; as well as funding for programs, equipment, grants and scholarships. GOAL: \$5,000. For more information, contact Heidi Gross at hgross@sheridan.edu or 307-681-6400.
- [Gillette Main Street](#) provides economic and social opportunities by promoting and strengthening the viability and historic preservation of downtown Gillette. GOAL: \$5,000 and new volunteers. For more information, contact Jessica Seders at jessica@visitgillettewright.com or 307-686-0040.
- [YES House Foundation](#) provides funding for the programs, children and families, equipment, building and expansion needs of the Youth Emergency Services, Inc. to better serve the Gillette, Wyoming community. The COVID-19 pandemic has hit the YES House hard. Staff has shifted many outpatient services to phone and video services, and some prevention programs have had

to be suspended which has reduced funding to the YES House. At the same time revenue has decreased, staffing needs for youth living in residence has increased in order to maintain separation and safety. Each year the Y.E.S. House helps to protect, heal, and care for an average of 1,000 youth and their families throughout Northeastern Wyoming. In 2018/2019 1,038 children and their families received support. GOAL: \$5,000. For more information, contact Mary Melaragno at MMelaragno@yeshouse.org or 307-686-0669, ext. 1009.