

The Spirit of Giving 2016

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Paying It Forward



McMurry Foundation



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Dear Friends,

At this time of year, with Thanksgiving and other holidays near, we take stock of our blessings. We focus on all we are thankful for and on how we can help in our community. It is a season of giving and a time to do more for others than for ourselves.

Carol and I thank the Casper Star-Tribune, the McMurry Foundation and the Wyoming Community Foundation for highlighting some of the worthy causes in need of resourcesvolunteers, funds, or special skills and expertise. And there are more.

Every day brings a call for assistance and Wyoming responds. Wyoming responds because we are caring people and generous by nature. We know it is better to give than to receive. We know that, with each act of kindness, lives are touched, hardships are eased and our state becomes an even better place.

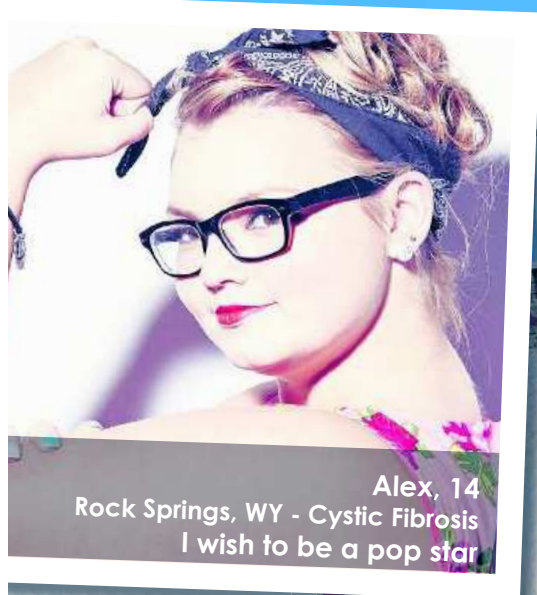
The spirit of giving is a powerful force, with the rewards reaped all around us and in our hearts.

Sincerely,

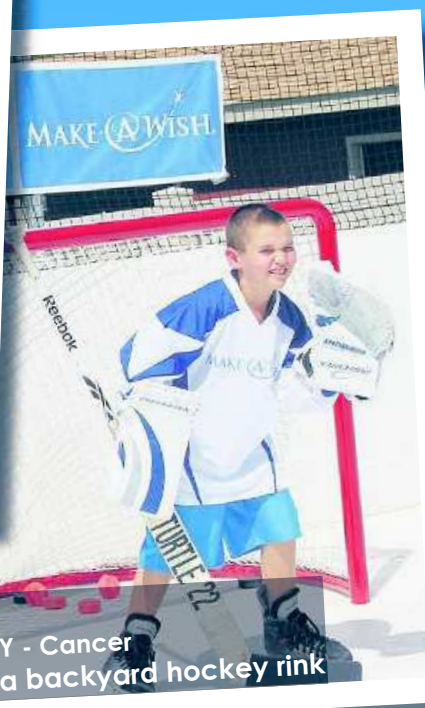
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Matthew H. Mead
Governor

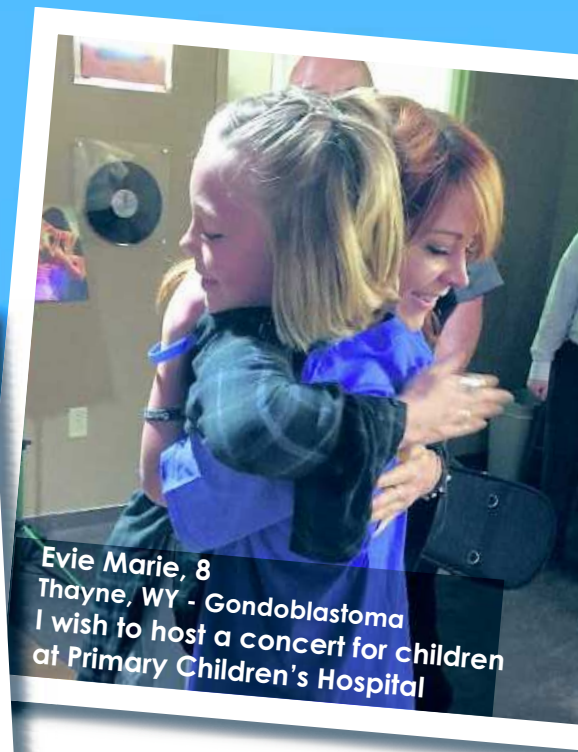
Give the gift of a **wish** this holiday season.



Alex, 14
Rock Springs, WY - Cystic Fibrosis
I wish to be a pop star



Trip, 9
Rock Springs, WY - Cancer
I wish to have a backyard hockey rink



Evie Marie, 8
Thayne, WY - Gondoblastoma
I wish to host a concert for children
at Primary Children's Hospital

If you know of a child who
may be eligible for a wish,
please call 307.234.9474.

REFER A CHILD - DONATE - VOLUNTEER

wyoming.wish.org - 307.234.9474 - facebook.com/makeawishwy - @MakeAWish_WY



Another 24

"The 12-24 Club is a community resource built around recovery. We strive to provide a safe, anonymous environment to groups and individuals seeking recovery, with an attitude of fellowship."

On a day to day basis, our purpose is to keep the doors open for the suffering addict, alcoholic, or loved ones. We provide a safe haven of support each and every day of the year. Depending on the time of year, we have 2,500 to 3,000 patron visits per month. Our small restaurant, "Fresh Start" feed people's bellies while the fellowship feeds their souls.

Please contribute to our mission in Central Wyoming;

Sincerely,

Dan Cantine
Director

12-24 Club Inc.

500 S. Wolcott St. Suite 200, Casper Wyoming 82601

Contribution Voucher

(Credit and bank cards are also accepted at 307-259-5263)

Donation Amount _____

Name _____

Address _____

Ph. & E-mail _____

Tax ID # 83-0306012



Our mission: CASA of Natrona County is a caring non-profit organization that speaks for the best inter-ests of abused and neglected children within the juve-nile court system. CASA recruits, trains and supports volunteers, drawn from a diverse population, to pro-vide this service.

Our Vision: By giving a voice to children, we break the cycle of abuse and neglect,



I am for the child™ I am YOU

CASA of Natrona County has **88** active volunteer advocates who are being a voice for **170** abused and neglected children in our community today, **294** since January 1, 2016.

Over the past 15 years, CASA has provided direct advocacy for 1200 abused and neglected children.

Children with a CASA volunteer spend approximately 8 months less time in foster care. That is a savings of **\$1,723,744**.

My response to action

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Your gift is tax deductible in accordance with existing IRS regulations.



CASA of Natrona County
1701 East E St., Ste. 120 . Casper, WY
82601
307.237.0889

www.casaofnatronacounty.net
www.facebook.com/casaofnatronacounty

Giving Tuesday, a day for giving back

Contributed by Giving Tuesday

We have two days for getting deals – Black Friday and Cyber Monday. On #GivingTuesday, we have a day for giving back.

Since 2012, when #GivingTuesday was founded, millions of people have turned the Tuesday after Thanksgiving into a holiday that celebrates America's greatest traditions – generosity, entrepreneurialism, and community.

There is something about giving – about focusing on the needs of someone else – that changes your perspective on everything. #GivingTuesday offers us an opportunity to take a breather from the news of the day, to set aside the things that divide us, and step across political, geographic, cultural and demographic divides to support one another.

All over the country, people are getting together to support the causes they believe in, from local animal shelters and food pantries to global challenges like poverty and human rights. They are sharing hashtags and stories on social media to raise awareness about the amazing work



being done in ways large and small and raise funds to support that work. This year, dozens of cities, states and regions, from Alaska to Maine, are bringing together residents, businesses, nonprofits, schools, churches and community organizations in civic campaigns to make communities better. There are teachers planning lessons about philanthropy; organizations encouraging acts of kindness; families talking around the dinner table about the importance of giving back; and so much more.

This is a time to remember that we are all philanthropists, and that everyone has something to give.

#GivingTuesday was born at 92nd Street Y (92Y), a community and cultural center in New York, and built by people around the

world who have helped to create a global day of giving that reflects 92Y's longstanding commitment to community and repairing the world. In 2015, nonprofits raised over \$116.7 million online on #GivingTuesday. Much more was generated offline and through donations of time, clothes, food and other resources. People in more than 71 countries participated in #GivingTuesday initiatives last year, and there are organized campaigns this year in countries around the globe from Australia to Brazil and Tanzania to the UK.

At a time when so many forces are pulling us apart, giving to each other is a chance for us to come together. What are you going to give on #GivingTuesday?

To find out more, visit www.givingtuesday.org



SAFE RIDE

**is offered at all establishments in
Natrona County that
serve alcohol.**

**Contact your bartender or
waitress for
information about SAFE RIDE.**

- Managed by the Natrona County Alcohol Task Force
- Started in 2009's Holiday Season to get people home safely from any establishment that serves alcohol.
- Safe Ride Vouchers are available at any establishment that serves alcohol, including restaurants, in Casper and the surrounding communities.
Ask your bartender or waitress for a voucher
- 2009 - Present 10,087 Safe Rides have been given to people in Natrona County
- It cost between \$10,000 - \$12,000 annually to run the Safe Ride Program
- Completely donation funded
- Casper Cab, Turbo Taxi and Eagle Cab are the cab companies who participate in the Safe Ride Program

Please send a check to the following address for your donation.

**Casper Police Department Attn: Safe Ride
201 N. David**

Casper, Wyoming 82601

Amount Donated: \$

**Brought To You By The
Natrona County Alcohol Task Force**

BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE



Hope is here.

Since 1959, Central Wyoming Counseling Center has been committed to ensuring our clients receive the individual attention and quality care required for a successful, healthy and productive life. CWCC provides intervention, treatment and continual support to adults, teens and children through individual and/or group sessions. We know that behavioral health is essential to overall health, that prevention works, and that treatment is effective. People can and do recover.

As a non-profit organization, all residents of Wyoming are eligible to receive our services, regardless of their ability to pay. Central Wyoming Counseling Center receives funding through grants, foundations and private donors.

Please consider making a gift today and sharing hope with your neighbors!

For more information,
to contact our speakers' bureau, to
donate, or to volunteer,
please call

307-237-9583



CentralWyomingCounselingCenter



@CentralWyoming



Yes! I would like to invest in hope!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Make your check out to: Central Wyoming Counseling Center
1430 Wilkins Circle
Casper, WY 82601

COMING SOON TO CASPER ... WITH *YOUR* HELP!



*The mission of **David Street Station** is to enrich the community and its visitors by offering a central gathering place that hosts a wide variety of events and activities to build a stronger Casper. Learn more at **DavidStreetStation.com**.*

*Featuring Performance Spaces • Lawn Seating • Ice Rink • Splash Pad
Observation Deck • Restrooms • Info/Sales Kiosks • Areas for Vendor Tents*

**Construction of Phase 1 is underway, but we need
YOUR support to complete the project!**

**YES! I want to support our community by
investing in the David Street Station project.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

*Make check payable to: **Casper Downtown Development Authority**
341 West Yellowstone Hwy, Casper WY 82601*

Your donation is tax deductible!

The new David Street Station will act as a bridge between the Old Yellowstone District and Downtown at the intersection of David Street & Yellowstone. The new 48,000 sf event area will provide an economic and cultural stimulus in the heart of Casper. David Street Station will be a grand venue, capable of holding thousands of fans, family, and fun at our outdoor concert series, farmer's markets, and non-profit fundraising events. The Station will be managed by a new board of directors with dedicated executive director, event coordinators, and maintenance staff that will report to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).



FREE ADMISSION

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Trails Center is a public/private partnership between the Trails Center Foundation and the Bureau of Land Management.
- The Trails Center Foundation owns all of the exhibits within the Center.
- All monies donated to the Trails Center go to the Foundation to help with upgrades and maintenance of all exhibits
- The Trails Center Foundation is moving forward with a complete Oregon Trail Gallery upgrade.

Become a permanent part of
the Trails Center and Write
Your Name in History.

Have your name
engraved on our rock
wall for only

\$750

A Great Christmas
gift for those who
love history.

Upcoming Dates:

December 10th - Homespun Christmas - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Model Trains, Cookie Decorating, Sewing Craft, Music/Presentations, Prairie Sweet Shop, Living History, 10% off in the gift store and more

December 14th - Christmas By Candlelight - 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Caroling, Model Trains, Storytelling by Santa & Mrs. Claus, Family Games, Cookies and Cocoa.

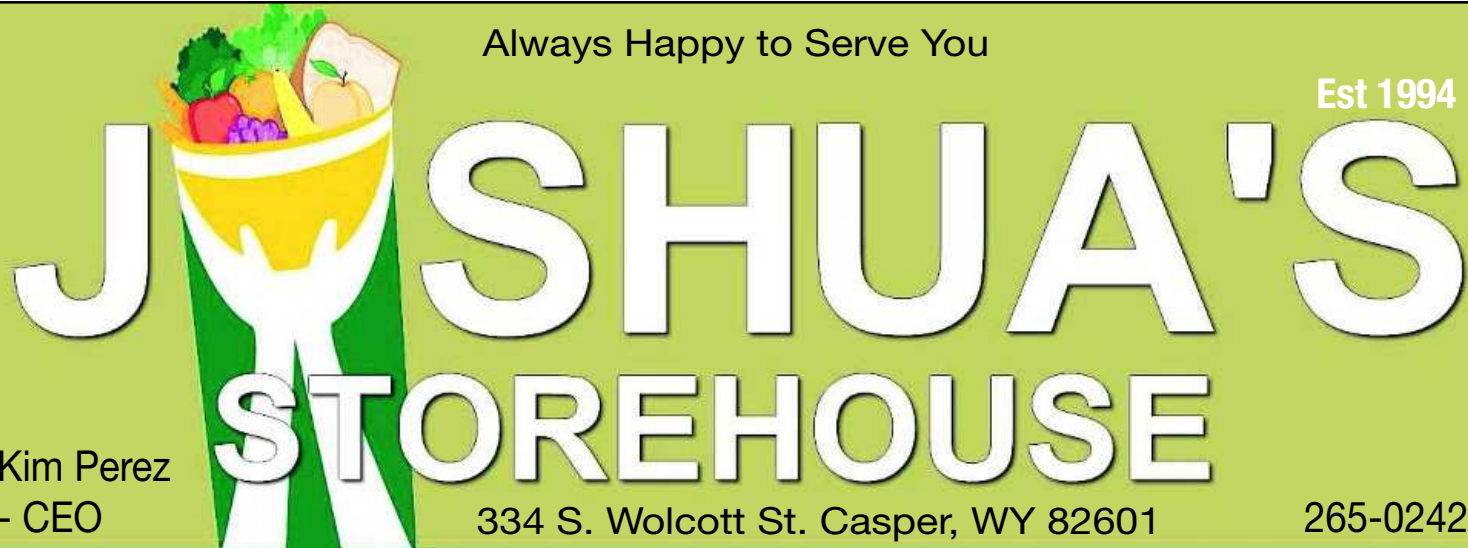
Gingerbread House Competition - Free Entry - People's Choice - Bring your Gingerbread House to the Center by Friday, December 9th or by 9:00 a.m. on December 10th - Awards - Age Groups - Will be on display during Homespun Christmas

www.NHTCF.org
1501 North Poplar Street
307-265-8030

8 Galleries • Award Winning Film • Interactive Exhibits
Pull a Handcart • Bronze Collection
Cross the North Platte River in a Covered Wagon
Monthly Temporary Exhibits • Pony Express Cabin

Always Happy to Serve You

Est 1994



Kim Perez
- CEO

334 S. Wolcott St. Casper, WY 82601

265-0242

New Faces...New Attitudes... Always a Free Smile

- Milk for Minors - Program
- Kids in Distressed Situations (K.I.D.S.) – Joshua's was designated as an official partner agency of K.I.D.S. in January of 2012.
- Joshua's helps people with a "hand up" by giving free, fresh, nutritious food to those in need.



Wyoming People Helping Wyoming People



Yes, I would like to help families helping families by donating!

Donation: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone#: _____

Please make checks payable to Joshua Storehouse
334 S. Wolcott St. Casper, WY 82601

100% Stays in Wyoming

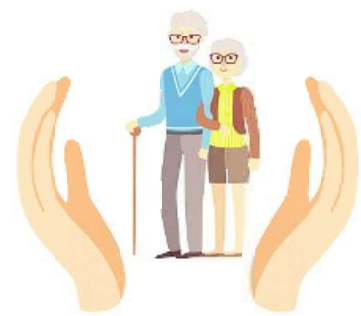
For more info or to volunteer visit www.JoshuasStorehouse.org

GIVING MATTERS

The Wyoming Community Foundation (WYCF) connects people like you to the causes they care about most.

You can be a partner for your community by working with WYCF.

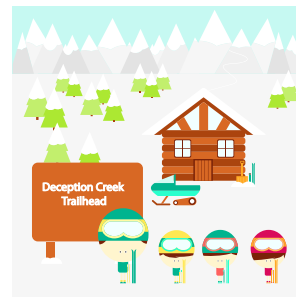
Creating the greatest good by connecting locally. WYCF's local boards have board members who love where they live and make grant recommendations that help their communities thrive. Since 1989 WYCF and its local boards have granted over \$55 million. Nearly \$6 million of which will be granted in 2016.



CASPER AREA LOCAL BOARD

50 grants totalling \$421,669
to area nonprofits

Highlight: A grant made to Wyoming Dementia Care means families dealing with dementia will have the resources and help needed as they deal with this heartbreaking disease.



DUBOIS/CROWHEART LOCAL BOARD

9 grants totaling \$40,500
to area nonprofits

Highlight: Outdoor recreation is a big part of the Dubois/Crowheart community. A grant to the Dubois Association for Recreation and Trails helps volunteers groom and care for trails at Deception Creek.



EVANSTON AREA LOCAL BOARD

7 grants totaling \$31,850
to area nonprofits

Highlight: A grant made to the Hungry Children Backpack Program ensures under served kids in the community don't go home hungry. A weekend's worth of food is sent home with them each Friday.



ROCK SPRINGS AREA LOCAL BOARD

7 grants totaling \$44,067
to area nonprofits

Highlight: Because of funds granted to the YWCA in Rock Springs, thousands of visitors to the Springland Park/Pool just outside of the YWCA building will now have access to a covered picnic area.



SHERIDAN/JOHNSON LOCAL BOARD

16 grants totaling \$70,985
to area nonprofits

Highlight: A grant made to Habitat for Humanity of the Eastern Big Horns will help ensure an area mom and her three children have a place of their own to call home.



SUBLETTE LOCAL BOARD

11 grants totaling \$77,428
to area nonprofits

Highlight: A grant to the Sublette County Historical Society will continue to celebrate the history of the area with locals and visitors alike by presenting the incredible story of fur trapper, Hugh Glass.

LEARN MORE OR GIVE TODAY! CONTACT ANN@WYCF.ORG OR CALL 307.439.9889. VISIT WYCF.ORG.





A Celebration of Families



Healthy Homes Healthy Families



The Casper Housing Authority provides quality affordable housing that is well integrated into the fabric of neighborhoods and serves as a foundation to improve lives and advance resident independence.

The HUB provides a Street Address, Voice Mail Bank, a Computer Lab and a Public Phone System to those in need. Call us today for more information.

People who are homeless, like everyone else, use email, cellular phones, and social media to stay connected. Although they may not have a place to call home, the loss of an address, voicemail, and the ability to access email potentially iso-lates them from the very services critical to their survival.



Father's Day Event Saturday June 17, 2017 11-3 Washington Park

Name of Organization: _____

Address: _____

Point of Contact: _____

Telephone & Email: _____

Types of Services your organization offers: _____

What type of children's activity will you provide at the event?

* Booth space is \$25.00. Organizations are asked to supply their table, chairs, and any other materials required for their informational table and children's activity.

If you have question, please contact Rachel Sanborn, Finance Manager

**Casper Housing Authority
145 N. Durbin St.
Casper, WY. 82601
307.266.1388, 307.237.4869 Fax**

Give the Gift of Your TIME This Season!

Contributed by ServeWyoming



As the holidays approach, many of our mailboxes (and inboxes) will fill up with holiday catalogs, greeting cards and of course annual appeal letters. It's the time of year when many of us are in the charitable mood, thus annual giving campaigns are in full swing. While monetary donations are immensely helpful as organizations continue to provide valuable services across our state, **ServeWyoming wants to remind you that you have something else just as valuable (and FREE) to give: your TIME and TALENTS!**

While volunteering certainly doesn't cost much, we all know our time isn't limitless. In fact, these days time seems more precious than ever. However, you don't have to commit a lot of it to make a big difference.

Volunteer Wyoming A project of ServeWyoming

Whether you can volunteer on a regular basis or just sporadically, giving back not only helps an organization fulfill its' goals, but has also been shown to improve your mental and physical health. **Here are some tips to help you make the most of your time giving back this holiday season and beyond!**

- Involve the family! Often we hear people say they're don't have the time to volunteer because they have kids to take care of. Well, what better way to spend time together than helping out in the community?

Plus, you teach your kids the importance of giving back and instill a life-long ethic of service.

- Be selective! We're more likely to spend our time on something we care about and are interested in! So, try to find a good match between your interests, the amount of time you are willing to volunteer and the organizations that address issues you care about.

- Choose your level of involvement! You can choose to be involved at a variety of levels, from short-term episodic projects to longer-term skills-based opportunities such as serving on a board of directors.

- Share your expertise! Do you have a specific skill that a nonprofit could really benefit from, such as marketing? Maybe you could help with financials? Skills-based

volunteerism is a great way to really make sure the time your giving counts!

- Volunteer from home (or work)!

You don't have to go to a specific place to volunteer. You can collect food, clothing or pennies and donate them to an organization. Organizing a project for your neighborhood, workplace or family is a flexible way to benefit a nonprofit of your choice.

- Make it social! Volunteering is a great way for you to meet new people, find like minded individuals, and get more connected with your community.

No matter how much time you determine you can give, **ServeWyoming wants to make sharing your time and skills as easy as possible! Which is why we launched Volunteer Wyoming in 2007. Volunteer Wyoming is a one stop volunteering shop**, designed to connect potential volunteers with organizations across our state, and to measurably increase the number and effectiveness of volunteerism. In 2015 22,939 Wyoming citizens utilized Volunteer Wyoming, resulting in more than 1,711 reported hours of service. The volunteer opportunities are generated through our online matching database, our call center, the Professional Volunteer Network, and service events such as MLK Day and the 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance. We also produce Volunteer Guides in five counties across the state: Natrona, Campbell, Sheridan, Laramie and Park. This newspaper insert provides nonprofits another free resource to promote



their volunteer needs, while offering local citizens a guide to volunteer opportunities in their area.

Our FREE online matching database, www.volunteerwyoming.org has been a vital part of the Volunteer Wyoming program, allowing individuals to look for and respond to volunteer needs across the state, while also enabling organizations to set-up agency profiles, post volunteer needs, promote community events, and even advocate for donations. We currently have over 1,200 organizations promoting their volunteer needs on the site and more than 3,200 volunteers registered.

Through Volunteer Wyoming, we make finding a way to help your community simple!

So, this holiday season please consider giving local organizations the gift of your TIME (and skills!) by volunteering! The rewards are immediate, lasting, and deeply appreciated. To get started, you can personally visit the Casper area Volunteer Center in the ServeWyoming office at: 330 S. Center Street, Suite 317 (in the Goodstein Building), call us at 234-3428, pick up one of our Volunteer Guides, or go to www.servewyoming.org and click on "Volunteer!"



mercer family resource center

Serving Natrona County since 1971

Mission Statement:

Mercer Family Resource Center provides education, counseling, and prevention services that build stronger and healthier youth and families in our community.

Programs and Services:

Family & Parenting Classes

Make Parenting a Pleasure
Strengthening Families
Becoming a Love & Logic Parent

Adult Intervention

DUI/Drug & Alcohol Education classes
ASI/Substance Evaluations

Youth Intervention

Insight II (substance use education classes)
Anger Management
Corrective Thinking
Something for Nothing (shoplifting prevention)
Tobacco Education
CHINS/Child in Need of Supervision Prevention

Counseling

Youth Empowerment Council (YEC)
Natrona County Prevention Coalition

Contact us at:

Mercer Family Resource Center
535 W. Yellowstone Hwy
Casper, WY 82601

Phone: 307-265-7366 • Fax: 307-473-2650
www.mercercasper.com • facebook.com/MercerFRC



Yes! I would like to invest in our community!
Your donation is tax deductible and will
strengthen youth and families.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Make your check out to: Mercer Family Resource Center
535 W. Yellowstone Hwy
Casper, WY 82601

Mercer FRC programs are proactive, impactful
and accessible to anyone in the community.



Get Connected. Get Answers.

Connecting people to resources in their community. It's ***fast, free*** and ***confidential***. Trained specialists will help match your needs to local services. Assistance available in multiple languages. Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Dial 2-1-1

Information on community resources:

After School Programs	Food & Clothing	Parenting Classes
Crisis Intervention	Health Insurance	Reentry Services
Child Development	Health Services	Rental Assistance
Disability Services	Housing & Shelters	Senior Services
Disaster Services	Job Training	Suicide Prevention
Domestic Violence	Legal Assistance	Transportation Services
Drug & Alcohol Counseling	Mental Health Counseling	Utility Assistance
Family Planning	Mentoring Programs	Youth Services

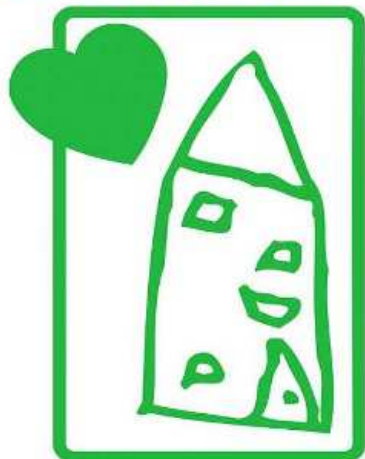
Dial 2-1-1 or 888-425-7138

www.wyoming211.org



United Way
of Natrona County

Seton House



United
Way



Building Strong Foundations For Single Parent Families

**I am Happy
I am Safe
I am Growing**

*I Am
Home*

You may make a donation on line at:

www.setonhousecasper.org Or mail a contribution

Donation \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Email: _____

You may make checks payable to Seton House • PO Box 1557, Casper, WY 82602



**Food for Thought
Community Gardens**



**Food for Thought
Food Bag Program**



**Food for Thought
Farmers Markets**

**Join us in Cultivating Community today.
All donations are used 100% locally, to help kids in
need throughout Natrona County.**

307.337.1703 / www.wyfftp.org

"No Senior Goes Hungry"

Meals On Wheels struggles to prepare over 171,000 meals a year for approximately 720 senior and homebound yearly. Each year funding gets leaner and expenses climb higher. The Funding from agencies like United Way, and Federal and State grants are fundamental in keeping up with our budget but it's the community support from you that enables us to continue this program. We hope you will join us and help someone in our very own community change empty plates to full one and relieve isolation with friendly, caring visits this Holiday Season.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

YOU CAN HELP BY PROVIDING THE NEXT MEAL FOR A FRIEND, FAMILY MEMBER OR NEIGHBOR.

YES, I'D LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION

- ☐ ONE WEEK OF MEALS FOR \$35
- ☐ ONE MONTH OF MEALS FOR \$140
- ☐ THREE MONTHS OF MEALS FOR \$420
- ☐ SIX MONTHS OF MEALS FOR \$840
- ☐ ONE YEAR OF MEALS FOR \$1,680

TO DONATE ONLINE
GO TO:
WWW.MEALSWHEELS.COM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE _____

☐ I WOULD LIKE TO BE GIVEN
CREDIT FOR THIS DONATION



You can also help by donating items like socks, gloves, blankets, candies and other everyday items. Meals On Wheels also delivers gifts this time of year for those seniors that are alone and don't Receive gifts from anyone.

You can also give your time by volunteering. If you have 1 hour a week, 1 day a week and 1 gallon of gas you can bring a smile to the face of our seniors. We have routes available Monday through Friday between the hours of 10 and noon.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE MEALS ON WHEELS OFFICE
AT 265-8659 OR COME BY OUR LOCATION AT 1760 EAST 12TH STREET ANYTIME
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 8 A.M. TO 4 P.M.**

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A **HOMELESS ANIMAL** THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

SUPPORT THE CASPER HUMANE SOCIETY

- * JOIN THE GIVE 'EM FIVE PROGRAM
- * VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME
- * DONATE PET FOOD & SUPPLIES
- * ADOPT!



Please consider donating to the Casper Humane Society through the Give 'em Five program. It takes just a few minutes to enroll. Every month your contribution will be automatically deducted from your bank account or charged to your credit card. Five dollars (or more, if you can afford it) every month can do so much for the animals in our care.

Not ready to commit to a monthly contribution? You can also make a one-time donation with no further commitment. Just complete the following contribution form and mail it to:

Casper Humane Society
849 East E Street • Casper WY 82601

**YES, I WANT TO HELP THE
ANIMALS IN YOUR CARE!**

Enclosed is a one time donation of:

\$5 \$20 \$50 OTHER

Name: _____

Address: _____

Want to enroll in the Give 'em Five program?
Please call us at 307-265-5439 and we'll set you up over the phone!

TOMORROW IS COMING

The YMCA is a place for young and old to connect and play.
A place to overcome fears, motivate ourselves and transform our lives
We're building tomorrow today and want you to transform with us.



**IN JANUARY THE Y WILL OPEN PHASE 1 OF OUR
NEW FACILITY AND IT IS SPECTACULAR.**

It is the first step towards the realization of our dream for tomorrow.

WE INVITE YOU TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE YMCA.
Stop by today for information.



Find out more at
www.casperfamilyymca.org
Casper Family YMCA
315 East 15th Street
Casper, WY 82601

FREE DAY PASS

Come see what the YMCA has to offer.

Name _____

Address _____

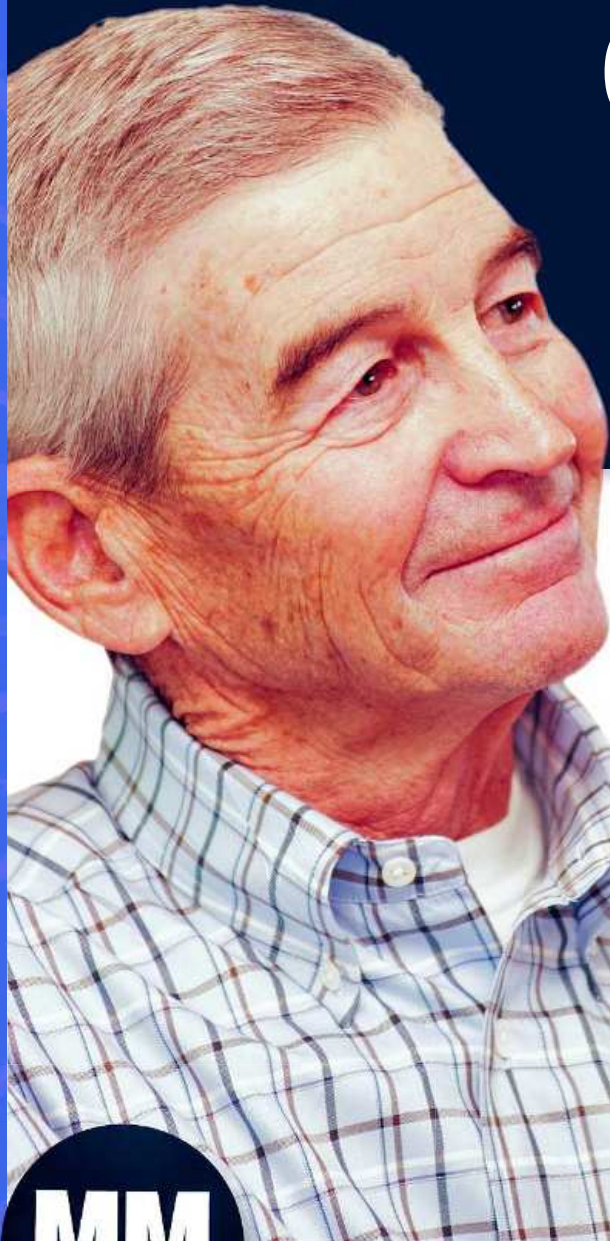
City _____ Phone _____

Email _____

No reproductions accepted.

Limited to one Free Day Pass per person thru December 31, 2016

Continuing to build a better Wyoming



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