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As we embrace the vibrant energy of summer, we are filled with immense gratitude and admiration for our Women United Community Allies. Your unwavering commitment and passion drive the impactful initiatives that uplift and empower women across Eastern New Mexico. Together, we are creating a brighter, more inclusive future for all. Every effort, whether big or small, contributes to the positive change we see in our community.

This season, let's celebrate the incredible strides we've made and look forward to the exciting opportunities ahead. From organizing community events to supporting essential programs, your dedication has been nothing short of inspiring. It's through your volunteerism, advocacy, and generosity that we can continue to make a difference in the lives of so many. The collective strength of Women United is truly remarkable.

Thank you for being an integral part of our mission. Your support not only empowers women but also strengthens the fabric of our community. As we move forward, let's keep the momentum going and continue to elevate each other. Here's to a summer of growth, connection, and empowerment. Together, we are stronger and more resilient, and together, we will achieve even greater heights.

Every sunrise is an invitation for us to arise and brighten someone's day.
 - Jhiess Krieg

Community Impact: United Way's Latest Updates!

United Way of Eastern New Mexico has been actively involved in numerous events to support and uplift our community. Recently, we hosted the Tiny Treasures: Early Childhood Fair, which provided parents of children aged 0-5 with valuable resources, including a car seat check to ensure child safety. Our Teeing Up for United Way golf event saw 56 participants come together to raise funds for our initiatives, while the Andy Mason Concert supported our ongoing Diaper Drive.

Additionally, we've participated in community events such as the Portales Information & Recruitment Fair, Old Fort Days in Fort Sumner, the Juneteenth Celebration in Clovis, and the Eastern New Mexico Pride Fest.

We are continuing our efforts with ongoing collections for our Diaper Drive and invite the community to join us in this crucial endeavor. Mark your calendars for our Stuff the Bus event on July 27th, where we will gather school supplies for local teachers.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the Southwest Cheese Truck Pull on August 17th, benefiting United Way. Keep an eye out for us at upcoming events, including the NMDWS Job Fair, Portales Heritage Days, Dawg Days, CHS Freshman Academy Info Night, Curry County Job Fair, Fired Up in Tucumcari, and the De Baca County Health Fair. If you would like to volunteer to help with any of these events or information booths, please contact JD Jones at (575) 769-2103 or

jdjones@unitedwayenm.org. Your support helps us make a significant impact in the lives of those in our community.



Women United Luncheon

Attention all women in Roosevelt and Curry Counties!

Please join us for our Women United Luncheon

September 9, 2024

11:30am - 1pm

Clovis Civic Center

Each ticket includes lunch, a chance to win prizes, and so much more! \$20 for WU Members \$25 for Non-WU Members*

*Women United members who bring guests can pay for them at the member price.

Reserve & Pay online by texting WURSVIP to 41444 or



Tara Vander Dussen

Luncheon Speaker

As a fifth-generation dairy farmer hailing from the beautiful state of New Mexico, Tara has built a successful career out of a love for the land and her roots in agriculture. As an environmental scientist, Tara has worked on agricultural projects throughout the southwest, and as a professional speaker, her influence extends far beyond the borders of her home state.

Goat Yoga

Join Women United for a delightful and unique wellness experience with Goat Yoga! Unwind and find your zen in the serene company of playful goats. This event promises to combine the therapeutic benefits of yoga with the added fun of interacting with these adorable animals, creating a memorable session for all participants. Come and rejuvenate your mind, body, and spirit while supporting a great cause! Watch Facebook for Details!!!

Coming Soon

Every day, a million miracles begin at sunrise
.- Eric Jerome Dickey



After the devastating loss of a loved one, an elderly resident in our community faced the harsh reality of living without water for seven long months due to an overwhelming water bill and a substantial water leak. This dire situation seemed insurmountable until United Way of Eastern New Mexico, in partnership with Mental Health Resources, Habitat for Humanity, The Salvation Army, EPCOR Water, and D & D Plumbing Heating & Cooling, stepped in to help.

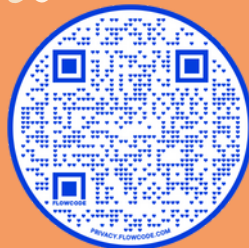
Over the course of an intensive month filled with numerous meetings and coordinated efforts, these dedicated organizations worked tirelessly to repair the damage and transfer the account from the deceased current resident. The collective efforts resulted in \$4,800 worth of crucial repairs and the joyous moment when water was finally restored to his home.

This remarkable achievement would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our donors. Your contributions to the Game Changer Fund have not only changed one man's life but have also showcased the strength and compassion of our community. Together, we are making a tangible difference, turning despair into hope, and ensuring that our neighbors in need receive the help they deserve.



Don't Miss

- High Plains Jr. Rodeo.....July 11-14
- Collector Car Appreciation.....July 12th
- Kerri Pomarolli.....July 12th
- Portales Heritage DaysJuly 20th
- Summer Jam Tournaments.....July 27th
- Down at the Depot.....July 27th
- Stuff the BusAug. 3rd
- Back to School Expo.....Aug 3rd
- CHSFA Info FairAug 6th
- Quay County Fair.....Aug 7-10
- Curry County Fair.....Aug 13-17
- SWC Truck Pull.....Aug 17th
- Roosevelt County Fair.....Aug 20-24
- Down at the Depot.....Aug 24th
- Run to Hillcrest.....Sept 6-7
- Fired Up.....Sept 14th
- Cannon Appreciation Day.....Sept 20th
- Mental Health Fair.....Sept. 21st
- De Baca County Health Fair.....Sept 26th



Diaper Drive

United Way of Eastern New Mexico is hosting a Diaper Drive, and we need your support! Every donation ensures that babies in our community have access to the essential diapers they need. Your generosity can make a huge difference in the lives of these young families. Donate today and be a part of something special. Together, we can create a brighter future for our youngest community members!

No Worries Wall

Support United Way of Eastern New Mexico's No Worries Wall by making a donation today! Your contribution will help us keep our walls uniform and fully stocked with essential items, ensuring that families in our community can access the support they need with dignity. Simply scan the QR code to make a difference and help us continue this vital service. Thank you for your generosity!

In someone's darkest hour your simple act of kindness may imitate the sunrise – Richelle E. Goodrich

Women United Community Allies

Mary Ayala
Ronnie Birdsong
Brenda Bishop
Sonya Bridgewater
Cecilia Bullock
Erinn Burch
Cindy Burton
Betsy Chavez
Jane Chavez
Selene Chavez
Jane Christensen

Ebony Cooper
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Debra Smith
Katherine Smith
Robyn Snowberger
Stephanie Spencer
Gaynelle Thomas
Dianna Thompson
Jamie Vaughan
Laurie Westerman
Sara Williford

Community Ally Spotlight

We're delighted to introduce Dianna Thompson, a cherished resident of Clovis since July 1990. Dianna's family moved here from Hyde Park, New York, and over the past 34 years, she has grown to love the close-knit community and the wonderful environment it offers for raising a family.

- Could you share where you work and your current job title or role?
I'm the administrative assistant at Clovis-Carver Public Library. This position entails a lot of financial tasks that I truly love.
- Can you tell us about any organizations or volunteer work you're passionate about?
Girl Scouts has been a passion of mine since I was a girl. The values and family involvement of Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts have a positive effect that extends into a scout's school and homelife. Parents who before never thought of volunteering turned this into a strong, full family activity. These two local organizations were a big part of my life from 1990-2005. Over the years I have been involved with numerous organizations with volunteering as the key factor.



Dianna
Thompson

- Can you share a memorable experience or achievement from your time volunteering or participating in community organizations?
Last year the Rotary Club of Clovis sponsored the Special Hearts Prom. This event is a huge party for special needs individuals in the area, including out of town guests. DJ, dancing, food, swag, photo booth, exciting decorations and disco lights! It was a memorable evening watching and visiting with our guests - everyone had a blast.
- How do you like to unwind and relax after a busy day or week of community involvement and work?
Putting my feet up to chill with a cool glass of iced tea is my favorite way to unwind. Visiting with family, friends, attending public events, or hearing a live band is a close second.
- What is your favorite thing about living in New Mexico, and how does it inspire or enrich your life?
I do enjoy our blue sky, sunshine, light rain showers, flat Clovis horizon for sunsets, and cacti. I truly miss snow and weather with distinct four seasons. Past few years I've wanted to travel more in-state. A trip on historical Route 66 would be an adventure.

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