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SPREADING LOCAL LOVE!

26 community agencies complete projects thanks to United Way's Day of Caring®!

Saskatoon, SK - On **Tuesday, June 12th**, United Way of Saskatoon and Area hosted the 19th annual Day of Caring® with presenting sponsor Saskatchewan Blue Cross.

United Way is committed to channelling **local love** in all we do... to igniting the desire in everyone to improve this community we call home. Acts of local love come in all sizes whether it be volunteering to host a community BBQ or doing a total renovation on a children's play space, it's all about building connections and delivering support to the people and communities who need them.

Day of Caring® is a day focused on strengthening our neighbourhoods and building our community through volunteerism. It offers participants the opportunity to experience the rewards of volunteerism and demonstrate the difference we can make by working together. This year, **26 community projects** will be completed by approximately **250 volunteers**.

"The mission of the United Way's Day of Caring aligns perfectly with our corporate commitment to supporting the communities where we live, work and play. We are excited to not only be the Day of Caring presenting sponsor, but also to participate in our own project with the YMCA; encouraging our employees to pay it forward and make a positive difference in our community."
– Lindsay Arnott, Saskatchewan Blue Cross, Community Relations Coordinator

This inspiring day started off with a kick-off breakfast hosted by United Way labour partners; Saskatoon & District Labour Council. This year's projects varied from garden projects, to spring cleaning, room renovations, and community BBQ's. Although each project is different, the purpose of the day remains the same - working together while building relationships and creating a more supportive environment for those who deserve it.

"We eagerly anticipate United Way's Day of Caring every year. This year generous, hard-working volunteers have helped upgrade the playgrounds at our Childcare Facilities and revitalised our street presence so that families will feel welcome and at home with us when they leave their children in our care. Needless to say, this helps to relieve the strain we feel as a non-profit to stay ahead of the endless demands of maintenance, while working with a limited budget." – Jack Miller, YMCA

The facilitation of Day of Caring® is a great example of United Way's involvement in delivering more than just funding to agencies - it is about bringing people together to do good. Day of

Caring[®] is not just a local initiative – United Ways around the world are taking part in this exciting event. This day has a significant and lasting impact on not only the volunteers and recipients but on the whole community.

Project List

Corporate/Labour Partner	Agency	Project
1. Affinity Credit Union	United Way of Saskatoon & Area	Children's Literacy Kits
2. BHP Billiton	Saskatoon Foodbank & Learning Centre #3	From Blah to Ta-dah!
3. Cameco	Interval House	Little Hearts~ Safe Spaces (room renovation)
4. CIBC	Saskatoon Community Service Village	Landscape Clean-up
5. CNH	Canadian Mental Health Association	Spring Into Summer Safely (exterior maintenance)
6. CNH	Girl Guides	Lodge Kitchen Refresh
7. CNH	LDAS #1	LDAS Centre of Excellence 2nd Annual BBQ
8. Concentra	LDAS #2	LDAS Yard Clean-Up
9. Cummins	Service for Seniors #1	A Little Help Seniors/Disabled
10. GenNext (United Way)	AIDS Saskatoon	AIDS Saskatoon Pride Parade Prep
11. Government of Saskatchewan - Corrections	CLASSIC	CLASSIC Cleanse (spring cleaning)
12. KPMG	CUMFI #2	Prairie Lily Cruise on the River
13. Nutrien	Friendship Inn	Friendship BBQ
14. Nutrien- Vanscoy Potash	SaskAbilities	SaskAbilities Client Picnic
15. PCL Construction	CHEP	Growing Where You've Never Grown Before (moving/expanding a garden space)
16. PWC	Cosmopolitan Industries	Art in the Park
17. RBC	Saskatoon Foodbank & Learning Centre #2	Client Services Revitalization
18. Saskatchewan Blue Cross	YMCA	Playground Revitalization
19. SaskEnergy	Family Service Saskatoon	Refresh for FSS (room renovation)
20. SaskPower	Service for Seniors #2	Building Day for Seniors/Disabled
21. Sasktel	Saskatoon Foodbank & Learning Centre #1	SFBLC Garden Patch
22. Scotiabank	Saskatoon Council on Aging Inc.	Volunteer Appreciation Party
23. SDLC	United Way of Saskatoon & Area	Kick-Off Breakfast

24. SIGA/Dakota Dunes	Lighthouse	Shine on Lighthouse! (Common area refresh)
25. SMI	CUMFI #3	Remai Modern Tour
26. TD Bank Financial	OUT Saskatoon	Welcome to the Gaybourhood BBQ

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