

United Way Of Larimer County Fundraising For Estes Park

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United Way of Larimer County announced today that it's created a new fundraising campaign specifically for Estes Park to benefit six local nonprofit agencies.

The Estes Park United fundraising campaign officially began on July 15, 2009 and will run through Sept. 15, 2009. The goal is to raise \$25,000 to distribute evenly to the six local nonprofit agencies selected by a group of Estes Park volunteers.

The agencies are:

Estes Park Learning Place
Estes Valley Investment in Childhood Success (EVICS)
Estes Valley Victim Advocates
The Nonprofit Resource Center
Partners Mentoring Youth of Estes Park
Salud Family Health Centers (Estes Park)

"Estes Park is geographically separate from the rest of Larimer County and has needs unique to Estes Park," said Harry Graham, a 27-year Estes Park resident.

Graham explained that because Estes Park's economy depends on summer tourism, that it is difficult for many people in the off-season to make ends meet. He went on to say that there is a perception that Estes Park doesn't have people in need but the town actually has more people than many other community's in Larimer County.

United Way of Larimer County has funded agencies in Estes Park for years but this is the first time it's created an additional fundraising campaign specifically for Estes Park.

"United Way recognizes our unique needs and continues to be more involved in helping people in our community," said Graham.

The Estes Park United campaign is in addition to United Way of Larimer County's traditional annual campaign that's county-wide. The organization will continue its county-wide fundraising efforts throughout the year which will continue to include Estes Park.

During the Estes Park United campaign, there will be donation drop-off sites in Estes Park at the following locations: The Estes Park Senior Center and Estes Park Visitors Center. People can also make donations online at www.estesparkunited.com^[1] or by mail. Checks can be sent to Estes Park United at P.O. Box 4063, Estes Park, CO 80517.

If you have questions about the Estes Park United fundraising campaign, please contact Amanda Giacalone with United Way of Larimer County at 970-407-7000.