

THE SEASON OF GIVING

Looking for ways to give back? Here's what local organizations need.

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SHERIDAN — It's here! The holiday season also means the season of giving is upon us. As homeowners and business owners begin decorating for their respective spaces to celebrate, non-profits are also beginning their end-of-year fundraising campaigns.

In addition to funding, though, non-profits are often in need of specific items to achieve their mission.

To introduce you to the range of giving opportunities in Sheridan County, The Sheridan Press invited local non-profits to share their wish lists with the community.

As you finish your holiday shopping, think about the missions of these organizations and consider adding one of their most wished for items to your cart.

Sheridan KidsLife

Sheridan KidsLife is a nonprofit Christian youth organization committed to demonstrating the gospel to local youth by meeting their practical and spiritual needs.

- The nonprofit is in need of:
- volunteers to help with youth programs
 - donations

• contributions through its Walmart registry, listed under "KidsLife"
For more information, see sheridankidslife.com.

Sheridan Dog and Cat Shelter

The Sheridan Dog and Cat Shelter aims to give every animal a purpose or a place. Until then, though, it provides animals with the best "home in between homes."

The shelter is in need of:

- Kong dog toys
 - peanut butter
 - cat toys
 - catnip toys
 - cat towers
 - wood pellets
 - sponsorships for senior dog and cat dental work
- For more information, see dogandcatshelter.org.

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a one of the largest youth mentoring organizations in the United States. Its mission is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relation-

ships that change their lives for the better.

- The organization is in need of:
- volunteer mentors ages 16 and older
 - items for Bigs and Littles to use on outings — gift cards for Centennial Theatre, fast food or other food vendors, hockey games or other sporting events or bowling
 - items for Bigs and Littles to use remotely — used laptops for youth
- For more information, see facebook.com/WYOBBSSheridan.

Rooted in Wyoming

Rooted in Wyoming is a dedicated partner in building and nurturing school and community gardens. It encourages an appreciation and stewardship of the natural environment.

- The nonprofit is in need of:
- volunteers for help in partnering gardens/projects throughout the county
 - monetary donations to be used for tools and compost/soil for all the gardens
- For more information, see rootedinwyoming.org.

Sheridan County YMCA

The Sheridan County YMCA is dedicated to putting Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all. We are committed to refusing no child membership for reasons of economic hardship.

- The YMCA is in need of:
- scholarship funds
 - volunteers
 - spikeball set, tetherball set or portable volleyball net
 - climbing helmets and harnesses or climbing ropes (60m length, 10+ mm diameter)
- For more information, see sheridanymca.org.

Sheridan Community Land Trust

The Sheridan Community Land Trust strives to preserve the heritage of open spaces, healthy rivers and creeks, working ranches, wildlife habitat and vibrant history, while expanding recreation opportunities to connect people with the places they love.

- The SCLT is in need of:
- battery operated chainsaw
 - donations to Virtual History Tours
 - sponsorship for print editions of two history signs to be archived in

local libraries for reference (estimated at \$350)

- video and still photo mirrorless camera with two lenses
 - larger office space
 - more kind and helpful trail gnomes
- For more information, see sheridan-clt.org.

WYO Performing Arts and Education Center

The WYO Theater's mission is to inspire, educate and entertain people of all ages by giving the performing arts a place to be seen, heard and felt.

- The WYO is in need of:
- monetary donations
 - volunteers
 - ideas for virtual events
- For more information see wyotheater.com.

CHAPS Equine Assisted Therapy

CHAPS Equine Assisted Therapy is dedicated to serving the community through equine assisted activities and therapies.

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Join us in this **Season of Giving** and make a difference in the life of someone in need! *Blessed are those who give.* We wish you **ALL** a blessed and safe *Holiday Season*

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