



Welcome! Brookings Area United Way offers this monthly newsletter as a way to connect some of the many community initiatives that work together in Brookings County to support residents, youth, and families.

Brookings County Mental Health Coalition

Registration for the [Brookings County Mental Health Coalition](#) March Speaker Series: Mental Health Petition and Involuntary Commitment Process, is now open! Registration is required to attend. Scan the QR code or click the flyer below to register for the virtual webinar.

**Brookings County
Mental Health Coalition
Upcoming Speaker Meeting Series:**

**Mental Health Petition &
Involuntary Commitment Process
Educational Panel**

March 18th | 12pm - 1pm CST
Virtual Webinar

Scan here to register!
Must register to receive
webinar link via email



Panelists:

Michael J. Drake - City of Brookings Police Department

Amy Ward - Brookings Behavioral Health and Wellness/Ivy Center

Jennifer Goldammer - Helsper, McCarty & Rasmussen Law Firm

Karen Weber - Brookings Health System

Dave Biteler - Brookings County Sheriff's Office

Questions?
Call Brookings Area United Way at 605-692-4979




Brookings Council of Nonprofits (BCNP)



Brookings Communities of Generosity Project - Call for Art

The Brookings Council of Nonprofits is transforming a utility box at one of Brookings' busiest intersections into a visual celebration of hope, service, impact, resilience, compassion, and connection.

If you're a creative or know someone who is, BCNP would love to see your vision!

Find full details at the [BCNP webpage](#).

LET'S GET SOCIAL!

MONDAY, MAR 23 | 10-11AM

Join the Brookings Council of Nonprofits (BCNP) for a coffee social at Cottonwood Coffee (downtown location) to network with local nonprofits and businesses in Brookings County!

**ALL
COMMUNITY
MEMBERS &
LOCAL
BUSINESSES
WELCOME!**

MAR 23
SAVE THE
DATE!

NONPROFIT HIGHLIGHT:

Brookings Regional
Humane Society



This is a free social event, open to both BCNP members and participants. Local businesses and community members are encouraged to attend to learn more about nonprofit organizations serving Brookings County.

**Please note that any food or beverages ordered during the event will be at the individual attendee's expense.



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**BASIC NEEDS
TASK FORCE**

Summer Donation Drive!



The [Basic Needs Task Force](#), led by the Brookings Area United Way, unites community partners to ensure individuals and families across Brookings County have access to essential food and personal care items.



This summer, Task Force members are gearing up for a June donation drive with Brookings Area United Way as the centralized donation drop-off site to make giving easy and effective. Be on the lookout for more details coming in May and get ready to help meet basic needs in Brookings County together!



Week of The Young Child Celebration Save The Date!

For any questions or information about this event, please email Brookings Area United Way, uw@brookingsunitedway.org.



THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

FREE MUSEUM ENTRY 4-7PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 14TH
4-7PM: FREE EVENING OF PLAY!
CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF SOUTH DAKOTA

All ages are welcome! Local area resources will have booths from 4-6pm. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver.
Proclamation promptly at 4:30pm.

\$5 MEALS AVAILABLE THROUGH CAFE COTEAU



Parking for event also available at 5th street gym.

For more information contact Brookings Area United Way @ 605-692-4979.

Brookings Communities That Care (CTC)

CTC Funding Update:

Brookings Area United Way has received a \$20,000 grant from the South Dakota Community Foundation, along with an additional \$5,000 from Brookings County on behalf of the Brookings CTC Initiative.

These funds will allow Brookings CTC to continue our work in advancing youth prevention strategies and successfully move through the first round of the CTC framework.

The entire CTC Board is incredibly grateful for this support and investment in our community's youth!



Recruiting Dedicated Board & Workgroup Members!

The **CTC** Board is currently seeking committed and engaged community members to join our volunteer board and workgroups. If you're passionate about making a positive impact for Brookings youth and would like to contribute your time and talents, we'd love to connect with you! For more information or to get connected with the board, please contact Tehra, CTC coordinator, at tehra@brookingsunitedway.org



CTC Board Milestone & Celebration!

In January, the Brookings CTC Board officially reached its one-year anniversary! To mark the occasion, board members celebrated with cake featuring their new CTC logo and received one-year certificates of appreciation for those who have served on the board since January 2025.

MEET ALAINA!



Hi! I'm Alaina, the Administrative Student employee at Brookings Area United Way!

I am originally from Rochester, Minnesota. I am currently a student at SDSU Studying Business Economics with a minor in marketing.

I'm most excited to be able to advocate and support the Brookings community! I value relationship building and hands-on experience. I am so excited to have the opportunity to do both of those through the programs and volunteer initiatives for the Brookings community! I'm honored to be apart of the team to help work towards a better tommorow!

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