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United Way of Benton & Franklin Counties receives grant from The Wildhorse Foundation to help fund the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

Kennewick, WA – United Way will be able to continue to provide books to local kids at no cost to their families through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library thanks to a \$5,000 grant from the Wildhorse Foundation.

Supporting Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a powerful way to make a lasting impact on the lives of children in our community. Reading to children at an early age helps prepare them for kindergarten and success in school.

United Way of Benton & Franklin Counties partners with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to mail age-appropriate books to children, ages birth - 5, each month at no cost to the families. Through grants like the one from the Wildhorse Foundation and local sponsors, for only \$25, the gift of an entire year of books can be sent to a local child.

Each year, the Wildhorse Foundation makes grants to eligible nonprofit, government, and Tribal organizations within the homeland area of the Cayuse, Umatilla, and Walla Walla people. Also eligible for funding are Tribal government agencies or Indian charitable organizations with their base of operations within Oregon, as well as national or regional Indian organizations.

The Wildhorse Foundation has awarded a total of over \$18 million in grant funding since its establishment in 2001. Grants are awarded on a quarterly basis with the deadlines being January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1. For more information, visit the Foundation's website at www.TheWildhorseFoundation.com.

About United Way of Benton & Franklin Counties:

Since 1958 our community-based organization continues to support the health, safety, and success of local kids and families. We envision a community where all children have an opportunity to learn and thrive.

About the Wildhorse Foundation:

The fund reflects the commitment of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation to take a proactive, positive role in the well-being of the community. Funds, derived from a percentage of revenues from Wildhorse Resort & Casino, are managed and distributed by a Board of Directors comprised of community leaders and representatives of the CTUIR.

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