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## **United Way Receives Child Development Donation**

United Way of Southwest Wyoming received \$5,345.00 in pledges from the Sweetwater County Child Developmental Center (SCCDC) for the 2008 annual campaign. The SCCDC had an increase of over \$800 in their giving, with 91 percent employee participation.

“United Way is working hard to make the \$1.92 million goal that will create lasting change throughout southwest Wyoming. Workplace campaigns are vital to the success of the annual campaign. Any company can have an employee campaign. They are fun and a great morale booster,” said Suzanne Zutter executive director of United Way, “businesses can contact the United Way office for more information on how their employees can give back to their community.”

SCCDC is also a United Way community partner that receives funding for the developmental preschool and at-risk preschool. “This year with additional United Way funding we were able to increase the number of children in the at-risk preschool from 55 to 95 students. The at-risk preschool works with three- to five-year olds to get them ready for kindergarten,” said Ann Owen executive director of the SCCDC. “United Way funding also pays partial salaries of three early childhood special education teachers, one occupational therapist and two speech therapists. This professional staff works with the children who are in the developmental preschool and assists them in learning new skills that are appropriate for their age. With early education these children have the chance to be school-ready, which increases their chances of succeeding in school and becoming contributing members of our community.”

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