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## Participate in United Way campaign

Recently, countless people in our community took part in United Way of Larimer County's Make a Difference Day. Many of our local nonprofit agencies were able to accomplish numerous tasks because of the outpouring of volunteerism.

For the staff and youth at the Matthews House, it did make a difference. There were 20 individuals who helped with cleaning, yard work and card making.

At the Matthews House, the spark that ignites the youth is when they realize community members are willing to be part of their support team and they are not getting paid to do it.

How about you? Do you have individuals in your life making a difference? Do you know people who help and don't expect something in return?

We all need each other. When we have plenty, we share with those in need, and when we are in need there will be those with plenty helping us.

That is how we all, including the youth at the Matthews House, are able to move out of crisis and into self sufficiency.

Thank you to United Way of Larimer County for organizing a time for our community to come together. Let's all be intentional in making a difference in the lives of others each and every day.

Please consider participating in United Way of Larimer County's annual fundraising campaign. It's not too late. So Larimer County community members, continue to give, advocate and volunteer. It does make a difference!

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