BE THE CHANGE

United Way of Southeastern Idaho empowers people to speak out for change. We invite our neighbors to aid in building the type of community we all want to belong to. We amplify individual’s voices on important community issues. We support people to take meaningful action that makes a difference.

Meaningful change can be big or small. It can be petitioning our city council to create more free recreation space for opportunities to better our physical health. It can be urging our state government to invest more in schools, or make child tax credits permanent, or make more children eligible for health insurance. Or it can be mobilizing our friends to speak out on a critical cause, in person or online.

THE BOTTOM LINE IS...EVERY. VOICE. MATTERS. WILL YOU JOIN US?

HERE ARE A FEW WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED.

Volunteer. Give a time to local service agencies to provide support and gain a deeper understanding of the needs in our community.

Donate. Your time, energy, money, extra food, household goods, clothes, etc. We have many great organizations in our community connecting people with what they need. Resources are always appreciated.

Join the Conversation. Attend city council meetings, open houses, forums, planning meetings, focus groups, etc. Be aware of what is happening in your community. Ask questions about economic development, housing growth, expansion/diminishing of services, etc. Knowledge is power.

Stay Informed. When you hear statistics about our area, dig in, and ask more questions. What does this mean? What else will this impact? What isn’t being said? Who will this impact? What are the long-term implications of this information? Seek different perspectives and examine current issues from all sides.

Speak up. Speak out. Write a letter to the editor. Share information you learn with others. Ask if your workplace can get involved; especially if they have company values or mission that align with community advocacy. Reach out to your elected officials so they know what you want and/or need them to do.

Engage Others. Host conversations with your friends, co-workers, neighbors, or family. Talk about how you can address challenges in the community by working together. Use social media to educate others about issues you are passionate about.

VOTE. Your voice matters, especially on local ballots. Never underestimate the power of your one vote.

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