



United Way of the Black Hills

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***UWBH Mission:** We unite people and resources to improve lives in the Black Hills by delivering measurable, long-term solutions to community issues in education, financial stability, and health.*

**UWBH supports more than 70 organizations focused on the following community needs:**  
Mental Health  
Substance Abuse  
Early Education  
Food Security  
Abuse  
Affordable Housing  
Economic Opportunities

**Administrative Staff**

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January 13, 2022

Lawrence County Commissioners  
90 Sherman Street  
Deadwood, SD 57732

Dear County Commissioners,

The United Way of the Black Hills (UWBH) has been partnering with Coeur Wharf since 2016.

UWBH works to improve the education, financial stability, and health for individuals living in the Black Hills region. We do this by providing grants to more than 70 different nonprofits serving the local community as well as by collaborating with local partners including nonprofits, schools, health care, local government, and businesses.

Coeur Wharf has been one of these local partners. Employees of Coeur Wharf sit on our Northern Hills Community Cabinet as well as our Board of Directors. Employees and the company contribute to our fundraising campaign, which funds the grants to nonprofits. They have also been a partner in our education efforts in the Northern Hills. Most notably, they have helped increase awareness on the importance of quality early education. As a business leader, their voice on this issue is extremely impactful, as they show fellow business leaders why they should care from an economic development perspective.

Coeur Wharf is a company that values the community they work in. They give back both monetarily and through their time and efforts. We are proud to work with them to improve the quality of life for those living in the Black Hills.

Sincerely,

Jamie Toennies  
Executive Director, United Way of the Black Hills