

# United Way of Southeast Alaska

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## Successful 2018 Day of Caring Event

Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018



United Way of Southeast Alaska held not only one but four Days of Caring in 3 different locations for the 2018 annual event. The event started in Sitka on September 24<sup>th</sup>, followed by Ketchikan on September 26<sup>th</sup>, and then finished in Juneau on September 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. The annual event works with local nonprofits that match up with local businesses whose employee teams complete prearranged projects for the agencies.

For Sitka, the business who participated include: Northrim Bank, GCI, First National Bank Alaska and Wells Fargo, with the following participating agencies: Sitkans Against Family Violence and SAIL. While the participating business for Ketchikan was GCI who worked on projects for Ketchikan Youth Initiatives.

And for Juneau, the participating businesses include: Northrim Bank, CBJ, GCI, Shattuck & Grummett Insurance, First National Bank Alaska, Coeur Alaska, Wells Fargo, United Way Board members and AmeriCorps volunteers. The agencies to participate include: AEYC, AWARE, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Bridge Adult Day Program, Helping Hands, SEARHC, Front Street Health Center, Wildflower Court and JAMHI Health & Wellness Center.



On event day, participants begin by gathering at 8:00 am at predetermined locations. This year's morning introductions and continental breakfast took place at the UAS Campus, iRock Facility, and DIPAC. Immediately afterward, teams were dispatched to work on their assigned projects.



All in all, over 80 volunteers donated almost 250 hours to accomplish a tremendous amount of work for the Sitka, Ketchikan and Juneau communities. Warren Russell, United Way Board Chair and Southeast Regional Manager for GCI said that "he was appreciative of all the organizations and employees that donated time and energy to the effort" He continued noting "that boots on the ground doing great work for communities and organizations make him proud to be a part of United Way of Southeast Alaska"

From all Board Members and Staff of United Way of Southeast Alaska, a huge thank you is to be given to all the participating businesses, agencies, and all of the wonderful volunteers who came out for the Day of Caring. We look forward to growing the effort next year!

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