

Summer Impact Report

May - August 2026



5th Annual Back 2 School Blast



1,400
Meals Served



1,670
Backpacks



2,009
Individuals Served

The 5th annual Back 2 School Blast brought our community together to help students start the school year ready to learn. Co-hosted by Alliance for Youth, United Way of Cascade County, the Great Falls Rescue Mission, Opportunities Inc., and many other community partners, we supported **563** families, provided **160** haircuts, **70** sports physicals, and **48** immunizations. Together, we also distributed **250** pairs of shoes and **250** coats.



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Program Highlights



With YOUR support, our programs made an impact this summer:



Substance Abuse Prevention

- **Ask Me About My Backpack:** SAPA took prevention into the community at the Montana State Fair, Back 2 School Blast, and Farmers' Markets with an interactive campaign helping parents and trusted adults recognize signs of youth substance use hidden in everyday items, identify behavioral warning signs, and start important conversations.
- **National Fentanyl Awareness Day:** Joined community partners at West Bank Park to honor lives lost to fentanyl, raise awareness, share prevention resources, and encourage action to help save lives.
- **New 988 Benches:** Installed new bench signage throughout Cascade County to increase awareness of 988, the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.



The Sober Life

- **Waterpark Event:** More than 200 people enjoyed a free, family-friendly night at the Waterpark, generously sponsored by Lonewolf Counseling.
- **Sober Softball:** Sober Life members took the field for a full City League softball season, creating another fun way to connect and enjoy recovery together.
- **2nd Annual Block Party:** More than 170 people gathered in downtown Great Falls for a free concert and family-friendly celebration of recovery and community.

What's Next?



AFY 40th Anniversary Celebration - October 22



The Sober Life Fright Fest - October 24



5th Annual Youth Craft Show - November 7



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