



United Way of  
Benton & Franklin Counties

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### **United Way of Benton & Franklin Counties partners with Dutch Bros Foundation**

*Funding offers safety net to those impacted by COVID-19 in the bi-county region*

KENNEWICK, Wash— United Way of Benton & Franklin Counties and [Dutch Bros Foundation](#), the philanthropic arm of [Dutch Bros Coffee](#), are providing hope to those impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Through the foundation's \$9,000 gift to our COVID-19 Community Response Fund, local nonprofit organizations can fill critical gaps in services, providing food and mental health services to people in our community who need assistance.

“This generous donation will help more local people to be safe and healthy,” said LoAnn Ayers, United Way President and CEO. “Dutch Brothers recognizes that, as the stay home order continues, needs keep increasing. We will ensure that these funds quickly get to local nonprofits to fill critical needs and sustain our neighbors through this emergency.”

The gift is part of a larger \$1 million commitment made by the Dutch Bros Foundation to assist organizations in its seven operating states. Partnering with United Way allowed the donation to make an immediate impact in areas hit hardest by COVID-19.

“We know how fortunate we are to be in a position to support our friends, families and communities,” said Katie Hutchinson, vice president of philanthropy at Dutch Bros Coffee. “We’re all working to find ways to make a difference during these difficult times. We’re grateful for the opportunity to work with United Way to do what is at the heart of our company- making a massive difference and helping people.”

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#### **About [United Way of Benton & Franklin Counties](#)**

United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties strives for a community where all individuals and families achieve their potential through education, financial stability and healthy lives. We partner with local nonprofits, businesses, and government and social service agencies to address our community's greatest needs and build pathways for individuals and families to independence and happiness.

### **About Dutch Bros Foundation**

The Dutch Bros Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Dutch Bros Coffee, supports programs and projects in three core areas- youth, health and origins (sources of its coffee beans). Each year since its inception in 2016 as the Love Abounds Foundation, it has given several million dollars to local, state and national causes. Learn more about the foundation at [www.dutchbros.com/dutch-bros-foundation](http://www.dutchbros.com/dutch-bros-foundation).