

Live PC Give PC spotlight

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This Friday, Nov. 8, local residents will come together to help support local non-profit organizations that serve Summit County.

Those interested in donating can visit livepcgivepc.razoo.com between 12 a.m. Friday and 12 a.m. Saturday to give to the non-profit organizations of their choice.

Spotlighted here are just a few of the non-profits participating in Live PC Give PC this year.

Mountain Trails Foundation

The Mountain Trails Foundation is dedicated to supporting and promoting local trails for non-motorized use. The organization works with the Snyderville Basin Special Recreation District and Park City Municipal Corporation to develop and maintain a year-round trail network, which includes the Round Valley and Rail Trail systems. Mountain Trails also hosts a variety of community events each year such as the Jupiter Peak Steeplechase and the Mid Mountain Marathon.

Executive Director Charlie Sturgis said their next initiative is the Wasatch Over Wasatch (or WOW) Trail, which would go from the Pine Creek Campground in Wasatch Mountain State Park, through Pine Canyon to the north end of the park, back down Dutch Canyon to the Dutch Canyon Trailhead and back across to Pine Canyon. Mountain Trails hopes to garner a \$25,000 grant for the 21.5-mile trail.

"Donations help to ensure that, going into the future, it makes it possible for us to make decisions that are not grant-dependent," Sturgis said.

Sturgis said they may also consider purchasing a trail machine, a miniature dozer that creates trail tread that is around \$35,000.

Mountain Trails will be at the community celebration at High West Distillery and Saloon on Friday, Nov. 8, from 6 p.m. to midnight to help raise interest in the campaign.

Summit Land Conservancy

The Summit Land Conservancy's mission statement is to work "in partnership with local landowners to permanently protect the remaining agricultural lands, view sheds, animal habitats, waterways and rangelands in Park City and Summit County."

"We raise money here to save land here," said Executive Director Cheryl Fox.

Fox said money raised during Live PC Give PC will go directly to "helping us ensure our projects already underway get completed," which include protecting river-front property along the Weber River, the 200-acre Gambel Oak open space, the 85-acre Stoner Ranch and the 2,161-acre Ercanbrack Ranch.

The Summit Land Conservancy has a mascot called 'Boot Guy,' who "puts his foot down for open space"

and documents the journeys he takes on Facebook and Twitter. Fox said their organization will also be out waving signs on Nov. 8 and added they have two very generous matching grants this year.

"We hope people realize that open space is what brought us all to Park City," Fox said. "It's not free, and [The Summit Land Conservancy] is here to keep it open."

Utah Health Policy Project

The Utah Health Policy Project (UHPP) is a non-partisan and non-profit organization whose vision is for "a health care system that provides medically necessary care to all Utah residents in a timely, efficient and culturally effective manner with sustainable financing."

"The last couple of years we've been focused on bringing national health reform to a soft landing in Utah," said Communications Director Jason Stevenson. "We give non-partisan, non-political facts on what health reform can mean for families."

UHPP conducts a lot of outreach across the state, giving presentations on health reform to those who need it. Donations from Live PC Give PC will go to support that outreach, Stevenson said, and also to fund policy research on Medicaid.

UHPP also lobbies at the state legislature, organizes coalitions and advises legislators on health reform issues.

Stevenson said UHPP will be focusing on online campaigns this year. Last year he said they used the "Affordable Care Cat" on social media to explain elements of health reform. This year he said there may be a similar campaign, but added he didn't want to "let the cat out of the bag."

Peace House

The Peace House's mission, according to Executive Director Jane Patten, is to end domestic violence. They have an emergency shelter for those seeking safety from an abusive relationship as well as an outreach program that gives help, resources and information to those who are experiencing domestic violence.

Patten said the Peace House decided to participate in Live PC Give PC to be part of the local non-profit community and "the excitement that happens as the Park City Foundation comes together."

The Peace House has four outreach centers located in Coalville, Kamas, Heber City and Park City. They have a large educational program, teaching students in grades K-12 how to recognize abusive behavior and bullying, proper Internet safety, how to practice safe relationships and how to get out of a relationship that is abusive.

With donations garnered from Live PC Give PC, the Peace House will increase services to families that need them by providing additional counseling to those in the shelter and in the outreach program, Patten said. They will also hire a licensed clinical social worker.

The Peace House will be with other non-profits at Atticus Coffee on Main Street on Nov. 8. They will also be at their outreach office all day, which is located at 1960 Sidewinder Drive Suite 208.

