



“Give, but give until it hurts.”

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--Mother Theresa

Great Western Bank First to Participate in Fremont's First Annual Community Charity Competition

As area businesses and organizations begin to gear up to participate in Fremont's First Annual Community Charity Competition, Great Western Bank is already wrapping up their fundraising efforts and has awarded their donation to Uniquely Yours Stability Support. Now that is some stiff competition! Michelle Weise and several members of the team at Great Western Bank (pictured below) presented their check to CEO Robin Ritter and Community Resource Navigator Heather Evans near the end of January. Fremont's First Annual Community Charity Competition, an annual fundraising drive for Uniquely Yours Stability Support, kicked off the first of the year.

At Uniquely Yours, we have discovered that so many people in Fremont and the surrounding areas want to contribute to their community, but they don't know how. They're concerned about families who are struggling, but they don't have a lot of time to volunteer. They want to support our mission of addressing homelessness, but they're often busy and tired and have limited funds, and before they know it, their best intentions of making a



Our Community Cares

- ❖ More than 3,206 volunteer hours from May – December 2014, valued at nearly \$45,000!!!
- ❖ More than \$7,000 in clothing donations from individual donors

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difference in the lives of their neighbors have slipped away. At Uniquely Yours Stability Support, we hear this all the time. We are constantly being asked what our community can do to show their support for our mission. So to help Fremont help us set families on the road to permanent stability and independence we have introduced an exciting new concept: Fremont's First Annual Community Charity Competition.

This competition allows people and organizations in various categories to compete with each other to raise money in whatever way works best for them. Then, they simply donate the funds raised to Uniquely Yours Stability Support. There are twelve categories: Entertainment, Media, Clubs/Organizations, Religious Community, Small Business, Large Business, Corporate, Independent/Individual, Restaurants/Food Industry, Schools, Health Providers, and Sports.

Participants in each category can decide what kind of fundraiser they would like to do and when. Great Western Bank had a "Jeans Day" where staff could pay to wear blue jeans to work, rather than the standard professional attire. Lacombe Hair Studio is donating a percentage of the profits from the sale of hair products. The possibilities, truly, are endless.

The Community Charity Competition takes place all year, from January to December 2015. Fundraisers can take place at any time during the year, or all year long. Participants will be honored at an acknowledgement event in January 2016.

Awards include: Most \$ Raised per Category, Most \$ Raised Overall--Traveling Trophy, and the Bergh Benevolence Award (goes to individuals whose generosity is so magnanimous it reduces their personal supply of dark chocolate.)

Our goal is to raise \$25,000 to support our mission of ending homelessness and creating long-term housing stability and independence.

Service Link Partner Gives Boots,

Gives Hope When area businesses sign up to be Serve Link Providers, they not only provide our clients with incredible discounts, they also provide them with hope. When Ben (pictured below) first came in to Uniquely Yours Stability Support, he was living in the homeless shelter and looking for work so he could move out and get a place of his own. Ben's obstacle was a relatively simple one: he was hired at an area business, but in order to begin work, he had to have a pair of steel-toed boots.

For a former foster youth, struggling to find work while living in a shelter, purchasing a pair of boots is a near-impossibility. The job-search process is a daunting one for most people, but it is even more discouraging when something as basic as a pair of boots can stand in the way of obtaining gainful employment. By providing Ben with a free pair of steel-toe boots, our Service Link partner made it possible for him to begin again. At Uniquely Yours, we are thrilled to provide our clients with not only tangible goods and services, but also something even more important, something that cannot be measured: a fresh start, a new hope, and a world of new possibilities.



YOUR DOLLARS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Your gifts provide vitally-needed financial support and case management to struggling individuals and families. To help us achieve our mission of eliminating homelessness, donate today! Contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Make checks payable to:

*Uniquely Yours Stability Support
240 N. Main St.
Fremont, NE 68025*

FHS Students Give Back, Learn Workplace Skills

Like all nonprofits, we at Uniquely Yours Stability Support have learned to use a little to do a lot. Volunteers are at the heart of our organization, helping us to stretch our funding dollars so that we can help more people with less money. Tiffany, Sophie, Kim, and their teacher, Jacki (pictured below) are treasured weekly volunteers at UYSS. They help sort incoming donations in our Community Closet, providing valuable work experience for them and much-needed assistance for our staff.

"It is such a joy and a pleasure to for us at Uniquely Yours to see these girls each week," says Barb Maynard, UYSS' Administrative Assistant. "Their smiling faces and cheerful attitude is just a blessing to observe." We thank Fremont High School for providing these wonderful young women to our organization.

