



United Way of the  
Lewis and Clark Area

75 East Lyndale  
Helena, MT 59602  
406-442-4360  
[www.unitedwaylca.org](http://www.unitedwaylca.org)

## Spirit of Service 2024

Spirit of Service (SOS) is an annual "Spring Cleaning" event promoted by local businesses and organizations. This year on May 17, 2024 (rain back up day of May 24) program volunteers will invest up to an entire day helping homeowners by performing yard work or minor maintenance on the exterior of their homes.

The home must be owner-occupied, and the homeowner must be unable to do the work due to age or other limitations. While there are no income guidelines for this program, we do require your completion of the attached form for statistical purposes. Homes must be located in Helena, East Helena, or the Helena Valley. Priority will be given to homeowners who have not been helped within the last three years.

The service is free of charge to the homeowners. The organizations involved provide the tools, labor and materials required to do the work. The work the volunteers perform is limited to typical spring cleaning chores such as grass cutting, hedge trimming, raking, trash removal, window washing, cleaning of rain gutters, and some painting, interior work is not part of the program and volunteers are restricted from entering the homes. The volunteers come from various businesses and organizations in the Helena area are not trained construction, painting, or landscaping professionals.

If you feel that you or someone you know would be eligible for this service, please call the United Way of the Lewis and Clark Area at 406-442-4360. You can also mail or bring the application to the following address.

United Way of the Lewis and Clark Area  
SOS Program  
75 East Lyndale  
Helena, MT 59601

All applications are considered and evaluated, however not all are accepted and scheduled because of volunteer and funding limitations.

Representatives of the SOS Program visit the homes to assess applications and the request in advance of the selection process.

As we get closer to our 2024 Spirit of Service event and work on the selected property, we contact newspaper and TV stations to secure media coverage of the event. We get our own cameras out to photograph our crews hard at work, too. Ordinarily, media crews make stops among SOS homes. In advance, it helps us a great deal to know whether you are comfortable with photos or interviews.

Please carefully read the guidelines and answer the questions on the application form.



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## Homeowner Guidelines

SOS is for seniors, veterans, and individuals with disabilities living in owner-occupied homes who are unable to do the work themselves because of age or other limitations.

Once all applications are collected. United Way employees will make appointments and visit the homes of all applicants to be sure of what needs to be done. If your home is chosen for Spirit of Service, you must agree to the following:

- Allow the Helena Transfer Station or Tri-County Disposal to put a dumpster on your property a day or two prior to SOS Day if needed.
- Allow the United Way to put a porta-potty on your property a day or two prior to SOS if needed.
- Do not add anything to the scope of the project after the visit by the SOS team.
- Remember the those helping you are volunteers and cannot be asked to do more than what can be accomplished during their volunteer day per this agreement.
- Understand that volunteers can only paint one-story homes/garages and no outbuildings. If paint is needed, I agree as the homeowner to sign off on paint sample so that the correct shade/color is used.

I/we agree to the guidelines outlined above:

Homeowner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeowner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

SOS Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Spirit of Service Application and Authorization

**Deadline: April 5, 2024 5pm**

Name of Homeowner (recipient): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of work requested by homeowners at this address: (SOS projects cannot be roofing projects, no exceptions.)

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| • Will you be home on event day or alternate (May 17 and 24)?             | Yes___ No___ |
| • I am willing to be photographed with work crews at my home.             | Yes___ No___ |
| • I am willing to visit with a reporter and be photographed with my home. | Yes___ No___ |
| • I own and reside in the home listed above.                              | Yes___ No___ |
| • I am a veteran of the US military.                                      | Yes___ No___ |

The undersigned hereby releases and discharges and waives any claims, actions, or suits of any character name and description whatsoever that the recipient may have against United Way's Spirit of Service Program, its directors, officers, agents, and employees, and the volunteers as a result of the presence of volunteers on site.

The undersigned has read and fully understands this agreement and has not been offered any additional consideration or enticement, and the undersigned executes the agreement fully for the purpose and consideration expressed above.

Disclaimer: Please understand that although we will try our best to accommodate your needs, we may not be able to provide service with your home this year or work on all projects listed on this application. We will do our best to provide service to you that fits the capabilities of our volunteers. Please initial below.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand and accept the above statement.

Recipient's Signature \_\_\_\_\_