

COVID-19 UPDATE

This newsletter highlights Building Healthy Families' 2019 Activities, however, we also wanted to take this opportunity to share with you how Covid-19 is affecting us and our work. While many organizations have had to shut their doors during these unprecedented times, Building Healthy Families continues to serve families and meet what we consider to be their essential needs. We've helped our communities in new and different ways and continue to adapt. Here are some highlights:



Provided over two months of **Emergency Childcare for Essential Medical Workers** in Wallowa County. We served 9 kids from 6 different families.

Delivered **distance learning for 24 Early Head Start and Alternative Education students** to ensure that their school year finishes well.

Ensured critical connections were provided for high risk families by **continuing home visits and parent education opportunities** (Parenting Now, Making Parenting a Pleasure, Parent Café and Nurturing Parenting) via virtual platforms.

Supported families with **free essential resources** including Harvest Share, an Oregon Food Bank program with fresh produce and pantry staples; Diaper Bank for parents and caregivers in need of diapers, wipes and other baby essentials; Hygiene items for families in need; Books for all ages, and much more.

Became the **administrative and fiscal agent for Wallowa County CAN**, a grassroots effort to provide supports for residents in need due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Continues family engagement opportunities via social media, including providing over 100 pick-up packets for Earth Day at Home, and Family Cooking; and Daily contests for Parent Education Week.

BHF received emergency funds from private foundations and local families, without which none of the above would have been possible.

