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Benton and Franklin Counties

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February 2009

51st Annual Celebration Scheduled

United Way's 51st Annual Celebration will be on Wednesday, February 25, 2009, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Pasco Red Lion. This event will celebrate United Way's accomplishments of the past year. The Distinguished Volunteer of the Year will be presented during this event, as well as the final amount raised during the 2008 Campaign and plans for 2009. The cost for the luncheon meeting is $20. If you have not yet made a reservation, please contact Lindsay Nicora at lnicora@unitedway-bfco.com or 783-4102.

Campaign Update

Thanks to the generosity of the community, the 2008 Campaign is currently at 94% of the $4.5 million goal. A total of 212 rallies reaching 10,813 people have been recorded to date. The Campaign will continue until March 31, but it is never too late to give. Donations can be made through payroll deduction, check, cash, automatic checking account withdrawal, credit card, stock or online at www.unitedway-bfco.com. Funds raised through the annual Campaign will be utilized to provide needed services to local residents in the areas of education, health, safety and self-sufficiency. For more information, contact Gail Greager at 783-4102 or ggreager@unitedway-bfco.com.

On the Calendar

United Way Office Closed
President's Day
Mon., Feb. 16, 2009

YLS Cocktails with the Co-Chairs
Thurs., Feb. 19, 2009
6-8 p.m.

Annual Celebration
Pasco Red Lion
Wed., Feb. 25, 2009
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

YLS Spring Into Safety
Boys & Girls Club
Pasco
Sat., March 28, 2009
12-3 p.m.

"When an American asks for the cooperation of his fellow citizens, it's seldom refused; and I have often seen it offered spontaneously and with great good will."

- Alexis de Tocqueville, 1835

United Way is creating opportunities by focusing on the building blocks for a good life:

Education, Health, Safety and Self-Sufficiency

Featured United Way Service Providers:

The Neurological Resource Center:
The Neurological Resource Center (TNRC) has a Caregiver Health Promotion Program that gives caregivers strategies to help prevent illness and maintain their own physical and mental health. In the past six months, 114 local families (163 total people) affected by Alzheimer's and other neurological disorders began to utilize TNRC's resources for caregiving support. One caregiver in the program stated that she has learned to take care of herself first. She said that the Support Groups have been vital to helping her survive many years of being a caregiver. Without having this outlet, she is sure her depression levels would have greatly exceeded her ability to cope with them. The demands of a caregiver are great and deteriorated mental or physical health of the giver will not allow the best care needed to be provided for the receiver.

Catholic Family & Child Service of the Tri-Cities:
Catholic Family and Child Service (CFCS) has a Foster Care program for displaced children, including sibling groups, to have safe homes and case management to establish permanency through adoption, guardian, etc. Over the past six months, 86% of children placed remain stable (26 of 30 children). Three children's dreams of finding their forever family were also realized with the finalization of their adoptions by their foster families. CFCS has reported that United Way contributions are making a difference now more than ever as recent budget cuts have resulted in a 5% decrease in service fees to child placing agencies in Washington State. Several statewide agencies have stated that they cannot operate on these fees alone and will be shutting down. United Way funds have allowed CFCS to continue to license and support resource families for displaced children and maintain their stability as they cope with the effects of abuse and trauma. These children have been insulated during a time of unprecedented economic stress with the help of United Way and CFCS in using each dollar to meet and exceed planned outcomes.

For a complete list of United Way funded services and providers, please visit www.unitedway-bfco.com and click on the "2008 Funded Programs" button.

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Community Solutions

Young Leaders Society

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YLS Upcoming Events

Cocktails with the Co-Chairs
Thursday, February 19, 6-8 p.m.
100506 E. Ridgeview Drive, Kennewick 99338
In appreciation of the United Way Young Leaders Society, the co-chairs, Matt and Deidre Riesenweber, are inviting current members to their home for an evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and friends. The event will be business casual and a time to mix, mingle and unwind.

Spring into Safety
Saturday, March 28, 12-3 p.m.
Boys and Girls Club
801 N. 18th Ave. Pasco
The Safe Kids Coalition Spring into Safety event is taking place again this year at the Boys and Girls Club in Pasco. The Young Leaders will organize the bike rodeo to help youth learn the skills needed to control his/her bicycle and will also teach pedestrian safety. This is a great way to educate children in our community. Volunteers are asked to arrive by 11 a.m. for set-up. Shifts are available.

To RSVP for either of these events, please contact Sarah Murphy at smurphy@unitedway-bfco.com or 783-4102.

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You can LIVE UNITED by helping us spread the word. Imagine how many people we could reach if everyone forwards this to five people.

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