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June 2009

2009 United Way Funding Distribution Announced

Twenty-one local service providers administering forty-eight programs will receive a total of \$1,639,624 from the Community Solutions Fund and donor designations.

Contributors directed an additional \$1,183,548 to other not-for-profits through the United Way. To be eligible for United Way Community Solutions funding, organizations needed to align their services with the four priority areas as outlined in the region-wide Community Solutions Plan: Education, Health, Safety and Self-Sufficiency.

Funding in Education is directed to: improving access to quality, affordable childcare and early learning opportunities, partnering with parents to strengthen at-risk families and improve graduation rates, and increasing student interests and abilities so they have life-long success in school and at work.

Funding in Health is directed to: promoting healthy eating and exercise habits in children so they grow up to be healthy adults, increasing medical access for low-income or uninsured individuals and families and providing resources and services to increase coping skills and mental health in adults and children.

Funding in Safety is directed to: engaging families to learn ways to provide a caring, nurturing and safe environment for children and dependent adults, providing education and skills to prevent abuse (including bullying), and placing children in safe homes where they are free from harm.

Funding in Self-Sufficiency is directed to: supporting basic needs while increasing financial education, helping people obtain job training that will lead to sustainable wages and increasing independence of the elderly and people with disabilities and decreasing the need for institutionalization.

For a list of United Way funded organizations and other information, visit www.unitedway-bfco.com.

"Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting."

- Elizabeth Asquith Bibesco

On the Calendar

Vintner Reception hosted by EnergySolutions

Anthony's Event Center

Wed., June 24, 2009

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Campaign Coordinators' Conference

United Way

Tues., August 18, 2009

12:00-4:00 p.m.

EnergySolutions

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Golf Tournament

Canyon Lakes

Thurs., Sept. 3, 2009

1:00 p.m.

Vintner Appreciation Reception

The 20th Annual Vintner Appreciation Reception, hosted by EnergySolutions, is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Anthony's Banquet and Event Center. For the first time, there are over 1,000 Vintners, representing individuals and couples who annually contribute \$1,000 or more to United Way.

11th Annual United Way Golf Tournament

EnergySolutions will host the 11th Annual United Way Scramble Golf Tournament at Canyon Lakes Golf Course on Thursday, September 3 with a 1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start. Teams and volunteers are needed. The entry fee is \$1,000 per team, which goes entirely to United Way. Single golfers are welcome for \$250 each. The entry fee

Emergency Food & Shelter National Program Funds Awarded

Benton and Franklin Counties has qualified for an additional \$76,000 in funding from the Emergency Food and Shelter National Program through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The local Emergency Food and Shelter Program is administered by United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties and 100% of the funds are allocated to local not-for-profit providers.

A local board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds for the period running through 9/30/09. They recently completed the review and funding allocation process. The following not-for-profit organizations received the additional funds to provide emergency food and rental assistance to individuals in our community: American Red Cross, Benton-Franklin Community Action Committee, Senior Life Resources and The Salvation Army.

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 Provider:



YMCA: The YMCA of the Greater Tri-Cities' Before and After School Childcare Program recently received a call from a mother who was returning to work after an extended illness. Her husband had been deployed overseas to Iraq.

The YMCA of the USA and the Department of Defense had established a respite childcare program, but unfortunately this program would not cover the hours she needed. Because of United Way funding, the YMCA was able to provide her with the necessary morning childcare hours. Now, her two children have a safe place to go in the mornings, have breakfast and catch up on their homework, as well as make new friends.

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.

"Our Babies Can't Wait" at Columbia Center Mall

includes: hole sponsorship, a special tee prize, green fees, a cart, range balls, lunch and dinner. Registration begins at 12:00 p.m. and lunch will be served. An awards dinner will follow the tournament. This event will include spectacular hole-in-one prizes and on-course refreshments. EnergySolutions is organizing and sponsoring this event so that all proceeds will go to the United Way to support education, health, safety and self-sufficiency.

For more information about the golf tournament, contact Amy Schatz at 376-3050 or at arschatz@energysolutions.com.



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Our Babies Can't Wait (OBCW) was part of the Kid's Safe Summer Event at Columbia Center Mall on Saturday, June 6th. OBCW information and educational materials were distributed to hundreds of families. Lutheran Community Services Northwest organized the event, and The Mid-Columbia Reading Foundation donated children's books. This event provided numerous people at the mall with important materials about early childhood development and learning.

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