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United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties

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United Way to Accept Applications for Next Funding Cycle

United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties is seeking applications for innovative and evidence-based programs that address local issues in the bi-county area for the July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2012 funding cycle.

During a United Way Board meeting on December 22, the Directors identified the following areas as priorities for funding:

- Education
- Health
- Safety
- Self-Sufficiency

Applications are due in the United Way office by February 12, 2010 by 4:00 p.m.

An informational meeting for interested applicants is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at United Way. Reservations can be made by sending an email to lhages@unitedway-bfco.com, or by calling (509) 783-4102.

Complete funding and application information, as well as eligibility criteria, can be found at www.unitedway-bfco.com.



Dine Out for United Way

On Thursday, January 21, many local participating restaurants will donate a portion of the day's proceeds to the United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties.

This gift will be invested in local programs and services that

Campaign Update



The 2009 Campaign is currently at \$3.7 million (80%) of the \$4.6 million goal. 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. Examples of services that have received United Way funding are youth development programs, healthcare, counseling for families in crisis and services for individuals with disabilities. The Campaign will continue until March 31; however, it is never too late to give. Donations can be made through payroll deduction, check, cash, automatic checking withdrawal, credit card, stock or online at www.unitedway-bfco.com.

For more information contact Gail Greager at 783-4102 or ggreager@unitedway-bfco.com.

Volunteer Spotlight



Donna has served as a Loaned Executive, assisting in the auditing process, at United Way since 2003. Her extensive financial services background benefits United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties in this important piece of our day-to-day

create lasting community change and improve people's lives.

For more information, call (509) 783-4102 or visit www.unitedway-bfco.com to view the [participating restaurants](#).

United Way Young Leaders Society Monthly Luncheon



The United Way Young Leaders Society is a local group of more than 250 members that promotes and encourages the spirit of philanthropy and volunteerism among the young residents of

Benton and Franklin Counties and other individuals with similar professional and community interests.

Join us for our first monthly luncheon:

When: Tuesday, February 2, 2010
Noon - 1:00 p.m. with registration at 11:30 a.m.
Where: Anthony's Homeport Restaurant
Cost: \$15 per person

Featured Topics:
Overview of Young Leaders Society
Volunteer opportunities
Partnership with "Scouting for Food Drive"

Seating is limited. RSVP to Sarah Murphy at smurphy@unitedway-bfco.com or (509) 783-4102. For more information on Young Leaders Society visit our website at www.youngleaderssociety.com

Dates to remember:

March 2: Monthly luncheon at Anthony's with The Mid-Columbia Reading Foundation.

United Way Funded Program Highlights Did you know last program year. . .



EDUCATION

The Girl Scouts of Eastern Washington and North Idaho - Adult Volunteer Education Program

270 Girl Scout leaders and volunteers were equipped with the needed information to provide quality, effective, and needed subject matter expertise to lead Girl Scout troops in Benton and Franklin Counties.

operations.

When she is not volunteering her time at United Way, she helps people complete their taxes in the Tax Aide program, which runs from January to April. She also serves as an elected official on the Kennewick Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners.

When asked what she enjoys most about volunteering at United Way, Donna said she likes "doing something that matters and working with the United Way staff." She added that she is "moved by the generosity of the people in this community and their ability to recognize the needs in our area."

We are so lucky to have volunteers like Donna. Thank you!

On the Calendar



Monday, January 18

United Way Office Closed - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 19

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Funding Application Informational Meeting

Tuesday, February 2

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Monthly YLS Luncheon at Anthony's Restaurant

Friday, February 12

4:00 p.m.
Funding Application Due

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A Healthy Brain, Healthy Life Seminar given by the Neurological Resource Center

"He who has health, has hope. And he who has hope, has everything."
Arabian Proverb

Links for more information:

- www.unitedway-bfco.com
- www.communitysolutions-bfco.com
- www.goodsearch.com
- www.youngleaderssociety.com

HEALTH

The Neurological Resource Center - Healthy Brain, Healthy Life Program

In the past program year, 154 families and professional caregivers assisting patients affected by Alzheimer's and other neurological disorders utilized The Neurological Resource Center for education and support.

SAFETY

Catholic Family and Child Service of the Tri-Cities - Foster Care Program

There was a significant increase in new foster home licenses, from an average of six per year to thirteen in 2009. A foster family who adopted four children planned to close their license but agreed to accept an infant when the mother of one of their children had another baby. They are hopeful that they will be allowed to adopt this child and keep the siblings together.

SELF-SUFFICIENCY

The Tri-Cities Food Bank - Emergency Food Program

In addition to helping needy families with food, the Tri-Cities Food Bank collaborates with other organizations; such as the Mid-Columbia Reading Foundation to gift books to children, Consumer Credit Counseling to provide clients with financial services, the ARC of Tri-Cities to provide volunteer opportunities for individuals with disabilities, and with the Union Gospel Mission, Benton County Jail and other food banks to share excess food.

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