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United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties

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### Our Babies Can't Wait Celebrates its First Birthday

2009 was a successful year for Our Babies Can't Wait, the first Community Solutions Initiative that focuses on providing a caring and nurturing environment for the youngest members of our community.

- Hundreds of local parents have benefitted from the services of OBCW such as workshops for parents, home visits and newborn screening from public health nurse screening.
- Thousands of parents received educational materials at over 350 locations in the past 12 months.
- Close to 50 community partners supported OBCW and advanced the message.

To view the entire list of accomplishments for 2009, visit our website at [Our Babies Can't Wait Accomplishments](#).

### United Way Welcomes New Board Officers and Members

United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties is pleased to announce the addition of its new Officers and Board Members for 2010. Board Members and Officers provide the necessary direction needed for United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties to make a positive impact on our community, as well as providing financial stewardship, accountability, and diversity in industry background.

#### New Officers:

- Board Chair: Chad Bartram - Benton PUD
- Board Past Chair: John Inman - McCurley Integrity Dealerships
- Board Vice-Chair: Julie Erickson - U.S. Department of Energy
- Board Treasurer: Matt Riesenweber - Waddell & Reed

### 2010-2012 Funding Applications

Applications for the 2010-2012 funding cycle are due to the United Way office by 4 p.m. on Friday, February 12.

United Way is requesting proposals for programs and services that address education, health, safety, and self-sufficiency, the priority areas outlined in the Community Solutions Plan.

For more information, call 509-783-4102.

### Campaign Reaches \$4 million



The 2009 Campaign is currently at \$4.1 million (89%) of the \$4.6 million goal!

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](http://www.unitedway-bfco.com).

For more information contact Gail Greager at 783-4102 or [ggreager@unitedway-bfco.com](mailto:ggreager@unitedway-bfco.com).

### Dine Out



United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties would like to

### New Board members:

Neil Brosee - Washington Closure Hanford  
Judith Connell - Fluor Hanford  
Jaime Contreras - Washington State University Tri-Cities  
Doug Crandall - Columbia Basin College  
Jonathan Dowell - Dept. of Energy/Office of River Protection  
Sandra Fowler - Mission Support Alliance  
Anne D. Hayden - Community Volunteer  
Saundra Hill - Pasco School District  
Cindy Johnson - City of Richland  
Bill Pike - PNNL/Battelle  
David Praga - KEPR-TV  
Sandra Sawyer - Bechtel National, Inc.  
Steve Simmons - Country Gentleman Catering  
Chris Smart - JCPenney  
Mike Tvedt - Anthony's Restaurant  
Rand Wortman - Kadlec Regional Medical Center

[View all United Way Board Members](#)

## LIVE UNITED Contest



Tell us how you LIVE UNITED. Show us how you Give, Advocate, or Volunteer. Send us a photo of you wearing a Live United T-shirt and a description of how you LIVE UNITED through Giving, Advocating, or

Volunteering and you could win a trip to Las Vegas!

To enter, email the following to [smurphy@unitedway-bfco.com](mailto:smurphy@unitedway-bfco.com) by April 12, 2010:

\*a picture of you Giving, Advocating, or Volunteering in your LIVE UNITED shirt

\*a brief description of how you are Giving, Advocating, or Volunteering

\*your name and contact information

The grand prize winner will receive roundtrip airfare for two to Las Vegas, courtesy of Allegiant Air. The winner will be announced at the LIVE UNITED Celebration on April 20, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. at the Red Lion Hotel in Pasco.

Don't have a Live United T-shirt? Call United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties at 783-4102.

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



### EDUCATION

*Boy Scouts of America - Learning for Life Program*

By providing services in the classroom, the program helps youth develop social and life skills, assist in character development and help



thank the 21 restaurants that participated in the 2010 Dine Out for United Way.

### Kennewick

3 Margarita's  
Famous Dave's Barbeque  
Carmine's Italian Restaurant  
Cornell's Family Restaurant  
Daily Grind Espresso  
Ice Harbor Brewing Co.  
Cedars  
Casa Mia  
Fiesta Mexican Restaurant

### Richland

3 Margaritas  
Atomic Ale Brewpub and Eatery  
Gourmet Soul  
Jackson's  
Latte Lovin'  
Monterosso's  
The Spudnut Shop  
The Uptown Deli  
Casa Mia

### West Richland

Indulgences

### Pasco

Cousins Restaurant and Saloon  
Fiesta Mexican Restaurant

Thank you for supporting your community through United Way!

## Volunteer Spotlight - Novella Bridges



Novella has served as a United Way Ambassador for Battelle and an active member of the United Way Young Leaders

Society. Novella uses her education and profession as a way to inspire the youth in our community through her extensive involvement with:

- CASA/GAL (court appointed student's advocate/guardian ad litem)
- Junior Achievement

youth formulate positive personal values.

## HEALTH

*Grace Clinic - Health and Wellness for Low Income and Uninsured Program*

With services provided in English and Spanish, 115 people went through individual or group counseling. Group sessions included topics on depression, money management, parenting and how to talk with teens about drug and sexuality issues.

## SAFETY

*Catholic Family and Child Service of the Tri-Cities - Child Abuse Prevention Program*

Many parents in this program have learned about topics such as drug/alcohol abuse, parenting struggles, and showing/providing affection to children. One parent reported, "I have a second chance and can utilize all of the training I received in parenting class."

## SELF-SUFFICIENCY

*Lourdes Counseling Center - Vocational Case Management Program*

The Vocational Case Management Program assists persons with mental illness in finding employment and accessing services such as transportation, education and government benefits.

## Young Leaders Society Upcoming Events

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 monthly luncheon:

When: Tuesday, March 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 the Mid-Columbia Reading Foundation

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

classroom volunteer

- Expanding Your Horizons workshop for girls; MESA volunteer
- Delta High School Planning and Steering Committee
- Delta SEE, Columbia Basin
- Chapter's mentoring group (11-17 year old girls)
- DOE Science Bowl, facilitator's assistant
- Mid-Columbia Science Bowl, Judge

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

## EnergySolutions Golf Tournament



Support your community through United Way while enjoying first-rate golf. EnergySolutions will host the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual United Way Golf Tournament at Meadow Springs Golf Course on May 10, 2010. Highlights of the event include prizes, raffles, hole-in-one prize, box lunch, and a fabulous dinner. This scramble will begin with a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start. Registration and driving range practice will begin at 12:00 p.m.

The entry fee is \$1,000 per team. Golf team packages include space for four players, special tee prize, green fees, cart, range balls, on-course refreshments, and an awards dinner. Individual golfers are also welcome (\$250 entry fee) and will be placed on a team.

Because EnergySolutions is hosting this event, your entry fees and all proceeds go directly to United Way to support education, health, safety, and self-sufficiency. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

Dates to remember:

**April 6:** Monthly luncheon at Anthony's

**April 20:** LIVE UNITED Celebration

For more information or to register, contact Lori Lott at (509) 375-9881 or via email at [llott@energysolutions.com](mailto:llott@energysolutions.com).

Registration form is also available at [here](#).

## Links

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[www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com)  
[www.youngleaderssociety.com](http://www.youngleaderssociety.com)  
[www.goodshop.com](http://www.goodshop.com)

## On the Calendar



### Friday, February 12

2010-2012 Funding Application  
Due by 4 p.m.

### Monday, February 15

United Way Office Closed -  
President's Day

### Tuesday, March 2

Young Leaders Society Luncheon

### Tuesday, April 6

Young Leaders Society Luncheon

### Tuesday, April 20

LIVE UNITED Celebration

[Full List of Events](#)

**GIVE.**

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