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United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties

LIVE UNITED



GIVE, ADVOCATE, VOLUNTEER.

NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL UNITED WAY



LIVE UNITED Contest

Tell us how you LIVE UNITED. Show us how you Give, Advocate, or Volunteer. Send us a photo of yourself wearing a Live United T-shirt and a description of how you LIVE UNITED by Giving, Advocating, or Volunteering and you could win airfare for two to Las Vegas, courtesy of Allegiant Air! To enter, email the following to smurphy@unitedway-bfco.com by April 1, 2010:

- *a picture of yourself 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.

EnergySolutions Golf Tournament - Save Register Your Team Today



Support United Way while enjoying first-rate golf. EnergySolutions will host the 12th 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 go directly to United Way to support education, health, safety, and self-sufficiency. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. For more information or to register, contact Lori Lott at (509) 375-9881 or via email at llott@energysolutions.com. A registration form is also available at www.unitedway-bfco.com.

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

EDUCATION

YMCA of the Greater Tri-Cities - Early Childhood Learning Center Program

The program served 30 students, 20 who graduated the program met "Ready for Kindergarten" targets.

HEALTH

The Arc of the Tri-Cities - Individuals with Disabilities Health Services Program

The program boasted the following highlights:

- 154 volunteers donated over 540 hours to help support physical and class activities.
- 190 adults with developmental disabilities participated in a variety of physical and educational activities.
- 425 adults participated in a community walk to promote awareness of individuals with disabilities.



LIVE UNITED Celebration Scheduled



United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties has planned a LIVE UNITED Celebration for Tuesday, April 20, 2010. Please join us in recognizing the important work done in our

community through United Way and the much awaited announcement of the 2009 United Way Distinguished Volunteer of the Year.

Tuesday, April 20, 2010
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Pasco Red Lion
2525 N. 20th Ave.
Pasco, WA 99301
Cost is \$20 per person

RSVP by April 13, 2010 to kcody@unitedway-bfco.com or by calling 783-4102.

Campaign Reaches \$4.26 million



The 2009 Campaign is currently at \$4.26 million (93%) 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.

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

Open Application for 2010 Combined Federal Campaign



United Way is now accepting applications from not-for-profits who wish to participate in the 2010 Mid-Columbia Area Combined Federal Campaign. By applying, a human care organization may be eligible to receive contributions from federal government employees in the 2010 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties manages the CFC for the federal government.

Applications can be found at www.unitedway-bfco.com/cfc.htm and are due no later than 4:00 p.m. Friday, April 2, 2010 at United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties, 401 North Young Street, Kennewick, 99336.

A committee of local federal agency officials will review all applications and only the agencies granted

15 other service organizations partnered with ARC to help sponsor activities.

SAFETY

Sexual Assault Response Center (SARC) - Education Program

The Kids Haven program is an exciting collaboration between SARC and our local city and county governments. A trained specialized interviewer interviews children who may have been abused. Representatives from law enforcement, prosecution and Child Protective Services are able to view the interview through a one-way mirror. This allows for a less threatening interview for the child and minimizes the number of times a child may have to recite the details of their abuse. Advocates are able to meet with non-offending family members to offer services to the child and family. Because of this unique collaboration children are being interviewed in a more timely fashion, they are receiving a more comprehensive and child-friendly interview which assists in prosecution, and the entire family benefits from receiving counseling and advocacy services to assist in the healing process. Over 300 children were interviewed at Kids Haven this past year.

SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Benton Franklin Head Start - Fruits & Vegetables Voucher Program

In conjunction with the Benton Franklin Head Start Program, all three Tri-Cities Yokes are displaying recipe cards in the produce section of the grocery store. During parent meetings, parents receive nutrition information, cooking lessons, healthy recipes, and fruit and vegetables that are used in the recipes.

eligibility may receive federal employee contributions in 2011.

For additional questions, or to obtain a copy of the application, please contact [Sarah Murphy](#), CFC Coordinator, at (509) 783-4102.

On the Calendar



Saturday, March 20
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Young Leaders Society Volunteer Opportunity

Thursday, April 1
4:00 p.m.
LIVED UNITED Shirt Contest entries due

Tuesday, April 6
11:45 a.m.
Young Leaders Society Monthly Luncheon

Tuesday, April 20
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
LIVE UNITED Celebration

Monday, May 10
1:30 p.m.
EnergySolutions Golf Tournament at Meadow Springs

[Full List of Events](#)

Links

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

Young Leaders Society Upcoming Events

YLS 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 monthly luncheon:

When: Tuesday, April 6, 2010
Noon - 1:00 p.m. with registration at 11:45 a.m.
Where: Anthony's Homeport Restaurant
Cost: \$15 per person

Current and potential YLS members will hear about upcoming volunteer opportunities, learn more about the mission of United Way YLS, and engage in fellowship with other attendees. The April lunch will be focused on United Way's partnership with the Sexual Assault Response Center (SARC).

Seating is limited. RSVP to Sarah Murphy at smurphy@unitedway-bfco.com or (509) 783-4102.

Volunteer Opportunity

YLS is partnering with the Children's Reading Foundation of the Mid-Columbia in Preparing for Literacy. We will help sort and organize books on Saturday, March 20, 2010 from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. at the Children's Reading Foundation of the Mid-Columbia headquarters located at 515 W. Entiat Avenue in Kennewick.

For more information on the Young Leaders Society, visit our website at www.youngleaderssociety.com.

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Consider a new or additional donation.

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