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United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties

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United Way Announces 2009 Achievements at the LIVE UNITED Celebration

Over 150 people gathered on April 20 to celebrate United Way's 2009 achievements at the LIVE UNITED Celebration. More than \$4.4 million dollars was raised during the 2009 Campaign through individual and corporate gifts. Funds raised from the Campaign will be directed towards community designated priorities to provide needed services to local residents in the areas of education, health, safety and self-sufficiency. "Once again, this community has come through for those less fortunate. We can always count on the generosity of our community even in tough economic times nationwide. What a great place to live!" said Rod Webring, 2009 Campaign Chair.

Celebration was also in order for the first year of Community Solutions' first initiative, "Our Babies Can't Wait." Hundreds of local parents have benefitted from the services of OBCW such as workshops for parents, home visits and newborn screening by public health nurses. Thousands of parents received educational materials at over 350 locations in the past 12 months and close to 50 community partners supported OBCW and advanced the message.

An additional accomplishment highlighted during the celebration was the success of the Cornerstone Program. The purpose of the Cornerstone Program is to secure corporate funding for the United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties' administrative and fund raising costs so that 100% of donor contributions made through the United Way will be available for programs and services. This program was hugely successful, boasting donations of more than \$400,000 in the

Our Babies Can't Wait - Health and Safety Expo



Our Babies Can't Wait (OBCW) is taking an important message to the community at the Expo: Help children grow up healthy and successful by offering a caring, nurturing and enriching environment.

Twelve organizations have joined forces and put together a booth offering fun activities and educational materials for this event to be held at the TRAC May 18 & 19. The booth will offer:

- Free children's books
- Free health books
- Parenting tips
- Early learning information
- Fun activities for kids
- Drawing for gift baskets and other giveaways

OBCW partners are: Benton PUD, Benton Franklin Early Learning Alliance, Benton Franklin Health District, Brittney Kluse Photography, Catholic Family & Child Service, Kadlec Regional Medical Center, Lutheran Community Services Northwest, Mid-Columbia Libraries, The Children's Reading Foundation of the Mid-Columbia, United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties, WSU Tri-Cities and the Young Leaders Society.

short 6 months in progress.

Also at the LIVE UNITED Celebration, John Inman, Senior Sales Manager for McCurley Integrity Dealerships, was honored as the Distinguished Volunteer of the Year.

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The Community Solutions website now has a brand new look. Visit www.communitysolutions-bfco.com and let us know what you think.

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



EDUCATION

Boy Scouts of America, Blue Mountain Council - Learning for Life

The program boasts 290 youth in 10 programs which provide curriculum, expertise, and human resources to schools to assist staff in helping students achieve and learn.



HEALTH

The Neurological Resource Center - Caregiver Health Promotion

The program has served 154 families and professional caregivers who assist patients affected by Alzheimer's and other neurological disorders through 25 education and support group meetings.



SAFETY

Sexual Assault Response Center - Education Program

The program has provided 244 prevention based presentations to 4,576 throughout Benton and Franklin County schools. In addition, partnerships with other organizations were formed to assist in prevention education throughout our area.



SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Lourdes Counseling Center - Vocational Case Management

Through 33 employer contacts, the program has allowed 99 active clients to accept employment while receiving follow-up support. Several clients report successfully improving social skills while gaining work experience.

GIVE.

Please consider a new or additional donation.

On the Calendar



Tuesday-Wednesday, May 18-19

Health and Safety Expo at TRAC

Tuesday, June 1

14:45 - 1:00 p.m.

Young Leaders Society Luncheon

[Full List of Events](#)

Links

www.unitedway-bfco.com

www.communitysolutions-bfco.com

www.goodsearch.com

www.youngleaderssociety.com

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Young Leaders Society Upcoming Events



The United Way Young Leaders Society is a local group of more than 300 members that promotes and encourages the spirit of philanthropy and volunteerism among young residents of Benton and Franklin Counties and other individuals with similar professional and community interests.

Join us for our monthly luncheon:

When: Tuesday, June 1, 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.

Seating is limited. RSVP to
Sarah Murphy at
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or (509) 783-4102.

For more information on the
Young Leaders Society,
events, and/or volunteer
opportunities, visit our website
at
www.youngleaderssociety.com.



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