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Community Cafés Strengthen Families

Parents have a chance to better the lives of their children through conversations with others at Community Cafés. The four-session Café series began on Monday, November 16.

Each Café gathering starts with a meal. As the children are engaged in supervised activities close by, parents learn and discuss important factors that help their children and family thrive: parenting and child development, support in times of need, social connections, healthy social and emotional development of children and parent resilience.

Benton-Franklin Substance Abuse Coalition is leading Community Cafés. They are made possible by a grant from United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties and the United Ways of Washington.

Community Cafés will meet every Monday between November 16 and December 7, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at 2120 West Henry Street, Pasco. For information or to register, call Peggy Haecker at (509) 783-3180 or Melissa Roberts at (509) 380-3147.



United Way Young Leaders Society Annual Event

The United Way Young Leaders Society Annual Event is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2009 from 6.30 - 8.30 p.m. at Anthony's Event Center, located at 450 Columbia Point Drive in Richland.

The Young Leaders Society 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 an evening of wine and dessert and hear about fun activities throughout the year.

"I'm excited to share the mission of the Young Leaders Society - and of course some delectable desserts and wine - with everyone who attends our annual event. The Young Leaders Society is a growing group and we're very optimistic about our plans moving forward into 2010."-Melanie Schmitt, Tri-Cities Area Journal of Business.

"Last year 251 Young Leaders Society members raised \$152,000 to benefit our community. For 2010 our goal is to increase our membership to 300 members. Also in 2010, we will be adding an option for members to give 25 hours of community service in lieu of a monetary gift. There are multiple ways to be involved; come hear more at the annual event."- Matt Riesenweber, Waddell & Reed.

For more information on United Way Young Leaders Society, contact Sarah Murphy at 783-4102 or smurphy@unitedway-bfco.com.

Campaign Update

The United Way Campaign is currently at \$2.1 million of the \$4.6 million goal. Numerous companies are still running supporting campaigns and a few have been completed.

For more information, or if you need any materials or information to run your own campaign, contact Gail Greager at 783-4102 or ggreager@unitedway-bfco.com.

2-1-1 Call Volume Up

The number of 2-1-1 calls for the first 9 months of 2009 increased by 37% compared to the total number of calls in 2008. 2-1-1 is a telephone information and referral system that began in 2006 and connects people with needed community services. Among the information requested, community resources, housing and utility bill assistance continued to top the list.

Dine Out For United Way

The 4th Annual Dine-Out for United Way is scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2010. Participating local restaurants will donate a percentage of the day's proceeds to the United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties. Many local restaurants are expected to participate and a list will be distributed in the coming weeks. Be sure to mark January 21 on your calendar to Dine-Out for a great cause.

For more information on Dine-Out, contact Sarah Murphy at 783-4102 or smurphy@unitedway-bfco.com.


Getting the Word Out


The first Community Solutions initiative, Our Babies Can't Wait, was launched in January of 2009. With the help of 47 volunteers, we completed our second wave of information and educational material distribution to 240 locations in the Tri-Cities, including: physician's offices, hospitals, schools, daycares, churches, and human service organizations. Overall, 93 volunteers have helped distribute OBCW materials to a total of 638 organizations in our community! Thank you to all who helped in this effort.


If you are interested in volunteering with United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties, please contact Lindsay Hages at (509) 783-4102 or by email at Lhages@unitedway-bfco.com.


On the Calendar

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

 The Children's Developmental Center's Early Intervention Program has served about 670 local families with a developmentally disabled child. Children who are suspected of having autism are able to be evaluated and diagnosed locally at the Developmental Center instead of traveling out of town.

 The Grace Clinic's Diabetic Wellness and Health Promotion for the Uninsured Program has served 198 local people. All patients receive nursing, pharmacy, and laboratory services. In addition, all patients participate in diabetic education and nutritional counseling. Some patients who needed dental or other medical services were also served at the clinic.

 The Sexual Assault Response Center's (SARC) Crisis Program has served 370 local people. SARC works in collaboration with local school districts, hospitals, law enforcement, and other community organizations. As a result, SARC is able to serve clients by providing them with community resources, information about their cases and assistance throughout the medical and legal process.

 The American Red Cross Disaster Services Program has served 51 local families who have suffered damages to their homes because of fire, wind, flooding, winter storm, and car accidents. The Red Cross was able to assist with food, clothing, shelter, medical, and hygiene items.

For a complete list of United Way funded services and providers, please visit www.unitedway-bfco.com and click on the "2009 Service Providers" button.

Thursday

Nov. 19

6:30-8:30 p.m.

United Way Young Leaders Society Annual Event

Mondays

Nov. 16 - Dec. 7

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Community Café Sessions

Thursday & Friday

Nov. 26 & 27

United Way Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday

Jan. 21, 2010

Dine-Out for United Way

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