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United Way Spooktacular 5K

The inaugural United Way Spooktacular 5K Run/Walk was held in conjunction with the Child Safety Day on October 25. The day was beautiful and brisk with 77 participants starting at Eakin Primary School and ending at H.V. Griffin Park. Registered participants received an event t-shirt and a goody bag during registration.



Aaron Morris from Cincinnati, OH was the first to cross the finish line with 18:44. All participants did a wonderful job and finished in under 47 minutes. Heritage Medical Center, Shelbyville Times-Gazette, Bedford Co.

Chiropractic, and Elaborate Images were

the main sponsors for the event. A very special thanks to the many additional sponsors and volunteers who made the day successful and fun.



Please mark your calendar for **Saturday, October 31, 2009!** This is the tentative date set for the 2009 United Way Spooktacular 5K. We look forward to seeing you then!

***Also note: Additional event t-shirts are available for purchase. T-shirts in small, large, and extra large are available for purchase for \$10 or two for \$17. Please contact the United Way office if you are interested in purchasing a shirt for you, a family member, or a friend ***

Child Safety Day

The 3rd annual United Way of Bedford County Child Safety Day was held on October 25 at H.V. Griffin Park. Public safety representatives included Bedford Co. Sheriff's Dept., Bedford Co. EMS, Bedford Co. EMA, Shelbyville Fire Dept., Shelbyville Police Dept., Vanderbilt Life Flight, CCR&R, Duck River Electric, and VFSI Fire Services.



United Way provided Child ID Kits to over 240 children ages 2-15. Shelbyville Police officers Linda Adams and Carol Jean, and Deputy Becky Hord assisted in fingerprinting the children. Youth from Community High School FCCLA, Cascade Interact, and Bedford Co. 4-H Honor club volunteered to assist with activities such as carnival games, bounce houses, and face painting.

THP officers assisted with the child seat safety checks at the softball fields. Medi-Facts ChildSeatKits, sponsored by Shepenco, were distributed to parents who participated in the activity. Thanks to ALL who were instrumental in making the day a huge success.

Be a Piece of the Solution...



...for a Stronger Bedford County

WHY SHOULD YOU GIVE TO UNITED WAY?

We are Local

Funds raised here stay here. Your gift helps improve lives here in Bedford County.

We are Accountable and Efficient

Local volunteers raise the funds and allocate the funds, ensuring that every penny is spent wisely.

We are Making a Difference

Our objective is to provide every Bedford County citizen with the opportunity to participate, succeed and excel in the community.

Strengthening Services

Contributions in 2008 provided over \$147,500 to 19 agencies serving Bedford County for the year.

Hal Ketchum Concert Benefits United Way

A Benefit Concert for United Way of the Highland Rim
In Association with United Way of Bedford County

Featuring: Catherine Murray - Tullahoma and Brett Hill - Decherd
Guest Emcee: Chuck Perry – Direct from Orlando, FL

Saturday, 1/17/09 7:30 PM

Calsonic Arena, Shelbyville



\$15 Advance/\$20 Door

General Admission

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Allen, McGee & Associates – Tullahoma Downtown
Thompson's Jewelers – Near Tullahoma Wal-Mart
Woodard's Diamond Showroom – Tullahoma Northgate Mall
Calsonic Arena - Shelbyville
Chamber of Commerce - Manchester
Mr. Postman - Winchester
Brown Paper Tickets – 1-800-838-3006

CONCERT TICKETS MAKE GREAT GIFTS

www.unitedwayhighlandrim.com

or contact the United Way of Bedford County office at (931) 684-6685 for additional information or to purchase your tickets today.

Prescription Drug Discount Cards Still Available



Prescription drug discount cards may be obtained from local participating partner agencies or by calling United Way of Bedford County at 684-6685. Most pharmacies accept these prescription drug discount cards. They have no usage limits, age requirements or registration forms. The cards can reduce prescription drug costs by an average of 35 percent. Additional information is available at United Way of Bedford County and online at www.familywize.com.

According to a report received from Membership Services Corp, the prescription drug discount cards have saved Bedford County residents over \$17,000 for the 2007 year.

Use GoodSearch to Benefit United Way

GoodSearch.com is a search engine that donates half its revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. You use it just as you would any search engine, and it's powered by Yahoo! For the 2008 year, you helped United Way of Bedford County earn over \$19. But, think of what could be earned if we just spread the word?



Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter United Way of Bedford County as the charity you want to support.

**UNITED WAY OF
BEDFORD COUNTY
2008/2009
PARTNER AGENCIES**

Adult Basic Education
Alzheimer's Association
American Red Cross
Bedford County 4-H
Boy Scouts of America-
Middle TN Council
Caregiver Relief Program
Center for Family
Development
Child Development Center
Community Clinic of
Shelbyville & Bedford Co.
Contact Life Line
Epilepsy Foundation of
Middle TN
First Choice Pregnancy
Counseling Ctr.
Great Strides Therapeutic
Riding Program
Habitat for Humanity –
Bedford Builds
Haven of Hope
Humane Association
Senior Citizens Center
TN Poison Control Center
Tony Rice Center

Christmas Ornament Fundraiser

United Way of Bedford County held its annual ornament fundraiser in December to raise additional funds for agencies requesting funding. This year's ornament depicted the Bedford Co. Stone Jail. We now have a three-year collection. Some of all years are still available and can be purchased through the United Way office.



Christmas ornaments will be sold every year to raise additional dollars and to compensate for any pledge loss during the annual campaign. A different Bedford County historical site will be represented on an ornament every year. A list has been drafted for ornaments for 17 years so start collecting yours today!

A special thanks to the local merchants who volunteered to sell the 24-karat gold plated commemorative Christmas tree ornament: Antiques, Art & Collectibles Mall, Colleen's Cottage, Pinnacle Financial, and Register of Deeds.

Call 2-1-1 for Information and Referral Service

By calling 2-1-1 you will get connected to local services—from food, clothing, and shelter assistance to counseling, legal and financial services. It's helpful, it's fast – and it couldn't be easier. Get the help you need call **2-1-1**.

Jostens Campaign Committee Visits Agencies

The Jostens, Inc. Campaign Committee recently visited five United Way partner agencies. The group met and visited representatives from Bedford County 4-H, Senior Citizens Center, Tony Rice Center, Alzheimer's Association and Humane Association. "The group visits different partner agencies annually as a reward for the work they put into the campaign and also to give committee members an idea of where their dollars are helping in the community," stated campaign chair Anita Ferrell.

Thanks to Jostens and all employee campaigns raising dollars for United Way and its partner agencies. You ALL make a difference in Bedford County.

Membership Requirements Completed

United Way of Bedford County successfully completed all of the United Way of America membership requirements by their respective due dates for 2008. The certification mandates completion of 13 requirements for United Way of America membership along with verification of the status of 44 indicators that a United Way demonstrates the intent of the membership requirements.



The membership requirements must be certified annually in order to remain a member of the United Way. It is important for United Way of Bedford Co. to maintain high standards of accountability, and this is part of the process to confirm that our operations are transparent and meet or exceed United Way membership requirements.

Agency & Community Happenings

What Matters to You?

Safety



Security

Home



Family

The United Way of Bedford County is doing things that matter to YOUR community.

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National Poison Prevention Week March 15-21



National Poison Prevention Week is March 15-21. This is a time when communities can stress the importance of poison prevention.

Free poison prevention literature is available from Tennessee Poison Center. If you suspect a poisoning call 1-800-222-1222. Last year, 701 Bedford County residents called the Poison Help hotline.

Center for Family Development Dancing with the Center January 10



The Center for Family Development will be having a "Dancing with the Center" fundraiser on Saturday, January 10, 7 – 11 p.m. at the Fly Cultural Arts Center.

There will be a dance contest in which everyone can vote for their favorite dance couple. Tickets are \$40 per couple and \$25 for single.

Contact the Center for Family Development for additional information at 684-4676.

*Understanding that
 Nobody should be
 Isolated in
 Their time of need. And that
 Everyone
 Deserves*

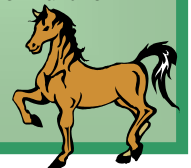


*What we,
 As a community, can do to help.
 You understand and you helped.*

Thanks!

Bedford County 4-H Fundraiser Horse Show April 17

Bedford County 4-H will have its annual Spring Festival Horse Show on April 17. Additional information will follow in the April newsletter. For further questions contact Emily Osterhaus at 684-5971.



Shelbyville Times-Gazette Insert

The Shelbyville Times-Gazette will have a special United Way of Bedford County insert on Thursday, January 15. Please make sure to review this section. It will contain partner agency information, United Way projects, and additional information that might interest you about your local United Way.

