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## Child Safety Initiative



The United Way of Bedford County Board of Directors and staff organized a community-wide child safety day on October 28 at H.V. Griffin Park. Public safety representatives were present and law enforcement officials assisted children with fingerprinting in the kits. A grant through Jostens Foundation was awarded to implement the project for 2006/2007.



United Way provided Child ID Kits to over 280 children ages 2-15. Shelbyville Police officer Linda Adams, Deputy Rodney Guinn, Tracy Harvey, and Hamp Vaughn assisted in the fingerprinting of the children. Over 13 youth from Fellowship for Christ Church volunteered to assist with the day. The child identification kit is designed to keep a photo, fingerprints, medical and dental records, DNA sample, and other information useful for emergencies.

## 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 are being distributed free of charge, courtesy of United Way of Bedford County, and other participating United Way agencies around the country, as part of a \$10 million donation of discount prescription cards from Membership Services Corporation, affinity marketing and strategic sourcing company located in Bethlehem, PA, and its industry partners.

The cards can reduce prescription drug costs by an average of 20 percent. Additional information is available at United Way of Bedford County and online at [www.familywize.com](http://www.familywize.com).

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 2005 will provide over \$200,000 to 21 agencies serving Bedford County for the year.

## United Way Completes Membership Requirements

We are proud to announce that the United Way of Bedford County has successfully completed all of the United Way of America membership requirements satisfactorily and on time. The requirements include: Membership Requirements Certification, Membership Investment, and the Database 2 Survey of Total Resources Generated (a survey that captures the full extent of a community's resource development efforts during the year). For the first time we were also required to complete the Standard of Excellence Self-Assessment in which 20 Board members, staff, volunteers, and partner agencies answered over 34 standards pertaining to the United Way system and operations. The data will be evaluated to expand and improve the United Way of Bedford County.

United Way  
2006 Membership  
Requirements



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

## Christmas Ornament Fundraiser



United Way of Bedford County held a fundraiser in December to raise additional funds for agencies requesting funding. Orders were taken and several local merchants volunteered to sell the 24-karat gold plated commemorative Christmas tree ornament, which depicts the Bedford County Courthouse.

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 presented on an ornament every year. Bedford County citizens already seem very excited and curious to know what historical site will be presented on the 2007 ornament. But our lips are sealed until the next ornament is released closer to the 2007 Christmas season!

## 2-1-1 Information and Referral Service

**Contact Life Line**, Information and Referral System (**2-1-1**). CONTACT is a private, confidential helpline available from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Monday – Friday. Individual are given the sensitive, confidential help needed. 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 its fast – and it couldn't be easier. Get the help you need call **2-1-1**.



[Bedford County 4-H](#)

"Because of United Way, Bedford County 4-H is able to educate over 2,600 youth in 4th thru 12th grades in the areas of Life Skills, Workforce Preparation, Citizenship and Leadership."



[Boy Scouts of America – Middle TN Council](#)

For a \$140 gift the United Way can send an underserved Boy Scout to a week-long session of Summer Camp.

For a \$50 gift the United Way can send an underserved Cub Scout to Day Camp.

A \$15 contribution will provide training/program materials for a Boy Scouting Volunteer Leader



[Caregiver Relief Program](#)

"United Way funding assists with providing free nursing visits to Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers."

## Calsonic Special Event

Calsonic hosted a "Tailgate Party" with their employees to raise additional funds benefiting United Way of Bedford County. Two departments set up tailgate parties and sold food at the function. Games were also part of the day, including "Kiss the Pig", Pie Throw, and Football Toss.



The event raised over \$1,028. Calsonic organized the special event in addition to their annual employee campaign to raise supplementary funds for United Way.

## United Way Partners with GoodSearch

What if the United Way of Bedford County earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? Well, now we can! GoodSearch.com is a



new 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!, so you get great results.

Just go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and be sure to enter United Way of Bedford County as the charity you want to support. Just 500 of us searching four times a day will raise about \$7300 in a year without anyone spending a dime! And, be sure to spread the word!

## Shelbyville Times-Gazette Insert



**United Way of Bedford County**

The Shelbyville Times-Gazette will have a special United Way of Bedford County insert on January 18. Please make sure to review this section. It will contain partner agency information, United Way projects, and additional information you might not have known about your local United Way.

A special thanks to the news and ad department of Shelbyville Times-Gazette for their assistance with this annual insert.

## What Matters to You?

### *Safety*



### *Security*

### *Home*



### *Family*

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

### Contact Us

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## Agency & Community Happenings

### National Poison Prevention Week March 18-24, 2007

National Poison Prevention Week is March 18-24, 2007. This is a time when communities can stress the importance of poison prevention. Free poison prevention literature is available from Tennessee Poison Center by calling 1-800-222-1222.

### Bedford County 4-H Harvest Festival Horse Show March 31, 2007

Bedford County 4-H will have its annual Harvest Festival Horse Show on March 31, 2007 at the Ag Center on Midland Rd. The show was rescheduled due to a rain out in September. This is a fund-raiser for Bedford Co. 4-H. For additional information contact Emily Osterhaus at 684-5971.

### Girl Scouts of Bedford County Cookie Sales

Girl Scouts of Bedford County will start taking cookie orders on Dec 31 with delivery beginning on February 17.

Please come out and support the girls. The annual booth sales, which will be at the major retailers, will take place the last two weekends of February and the first two weekends of March. For additional information contact Jody Woods at (931) 359-8221.

### Bedford County Boy Scouts Winter Camporee

Boy Scouts from Troop 370 in Shelbyville and Troop 699 in Unionville will participate in the annual Elk River District Winter Camporee to be held January 20 & 21 at the Walls of Jericho, in South Winchester, TN.

The theme of the Camporee is "Backpacking" with the program featuring a two to four mile hike into the campsite. Scouts will pack in all food, equipment, clothing, etc. in an exercise that will test their outdoor skills and preparation with a winter camping experience. Best wishes to these hardy Scouts from our community.



*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!*

### Center for Family Development International Dinner

The Center for Family Development International Dinner will be held on March 10 at Blue Ribbon Circle at 5:30pm. An Antique Car show, "Big Kars for Little Kids" will be held on the square in conjunction with the dinner from 8 am till....

Contact The Center for Family Development for additional information and to reserve your tickets to the international dinner today at 684-4676.