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Child ID Kit Initiative

United Way of Bedford County participated in a child safety day at Fellowship for Christ Church on June 24th in conjunction with their Vacation Bible School activities. United Way provided Child ID Kits to over 35 children ages 2-15. Shelbyville Police officer Linda Adams and Deputy Rodney Guinn assisted in the fingerprinting of the children. The child identification kit is designed to keep a photo, fingerprints, medical and dental records, DNA sample, and other information useful for emergencies.



The United Way of Bedford County Board of Directors is working on organizing a community child safety day on October 28th. Public safety representatives will be present and law enforcement officials will assist children with fingerprinting in the kits. Other activities will be announced at a later date. A grant has been awarded to implement the project for 2007.

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.

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.

City of Shelbyville Rummage Sale

The City of Shelbyville organized a rummage sale with all proceeds benefiting United Way of Bedford County. The sale was held at H.V. Griffin Park and the Shelbyville Recreation Center on July 4th. The event included various animal items including bedding, food, and toys. Over \$1,300 was raised for United Way of Bedford County.



L-R: Randy McCullough, Barbara McCullough, Dawn Holley, and City Manager Ed Craig

2006 Campaign Kick-Off Breakfast

From Shelbyville Times-Gazette staff reports

United Way of Bedford County announced its \$285,000 fund-raising goal for this fall and presented awards for last year's campaign during a kickoff breakfast Tuesday morning.

Rather than invite a celebrity guest speaker, as in the past, this year's breakfast emphasized United Way's local impact by having representatives of five United Way-funded agencies speak about how United Way allows them to serve Bedford County. Although the United Way name and logo is nationwide, each United Way agency is independent and makes its own decisions about what agencies to fund. Money raised locally goes to agencies serving the local community. An allocations committee composed of local volunteers makes decisions about what agencies to fund, and funds only agencies, which are based locally or can document that they serve local residents.



Emily Osterhaus speaks on behalf of Bedford Co. 4-H

Potential donors sometimes misunderstand this system and wrongly blame their local United Way for controversial funding decisions made by some out-of-town United Way. Because United Way is a consolidated giving program, one gift benefits a variety of different agencies. During the 2006-2007 fiscal year, United Way is funding 21 different agencies. Donors also have the option of designating their gift to a particular agency.

Emily Osterhaus of Bedford County 4-H discussed how her agency decided to add career education to its traditional school programs. "We decided to make workforce preparation a priority," said Osterhaus, who said her agency serves 2,600 students each year.

Sonia Miller of Shelbyville & Bedford County Senior Citizens Center noted the impact her facility plays on the lives of local seniors, with everything from yoga classes to meal deliveries to public transportation.

Marcia Massengill of Alzheimer's Association stressed her agency's support groups and respite reimbursement for people caring for Alzheimer's patients. The agency has just added a 24-hour service by which after-hours calls will be automatically answered by an Alzheimer's expert.

Elaine Weaver of Bedford County Adult Education noted that there are more than 7,000 people over 25 in Bedford County without a high school diploma. Her agency serves those adults, plus even younger adults, and provides English classes for

UNITED WAY OF BEDFORD COUNTY 2006/2007 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
Community Resource
Center
Contact Life Line
Epilepsy Foundation of
Middle TN
First Choice Pregnancy
Counseling Ctr.
Girl Scout Council of
Cumberland Valley
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

speakers of other languages. She compared United Way's cooperative efforts to the practice on aircraft carriers in which sailors walk arm-in-arm across the deck looking for debris, so that no spot is missed.

Teresa Winnette of Child Development Center talked about her agency's early intervention programs for children 3 and under with developmental delays or disabilities. "United Way really does make a difference in Bedford County," said Winnette.

Wal-Mart Distribution Center, the sponsor of Tuesday's kickoff breakfast, was named the winner of the 2005 Derryberry Award, for outstanding United Way campaign among organizations with more than 100 employees. Shelbyville Pencil Company won the Advocate Award, for a company with fewer than 100 employees. Bemis Shelbyville Inc. won the award for most campaign growth, while Jostens Inc. won for best campaign kickoff event, its annual car and bike show.

In addition, Bedford County Government and Summit Polymers were honored for holding their first United Way employee campaigns.

United Way campaign chair and Bedford County Register of Deeds Johnny Reed emceed the breakfast, with John I. Carney of the Times-Gazette, the group's communications chair, giving an invocation and Valerie McConnell of Shelbyville & Bedford County Chamber of Commerce performing the National Anthem. Connie Boutwell of the campaign committee assisted Reed with presenting awards. Reed closed the event by leading the audience in a special United Way campaign song. Reed wrote new United Way-themed lyrics for the Neil Diamond classic "Sweet Caroline."

United Way fund-raising campaigns will be held at member companies over the next few months. In addition, persons working outside Bedford County can designate their United Way gift to be sent home when they fill out their out-of-town United Way pledge cards. Persons who don't work at a company with United Way payroll deduction can make an individual gift to the agency by calling 684-6685.

2-1-1 Implementation

The Statewide 2-1-1 Information and Referral Services are now fully implemented throughout the State of Tennessee.

Contact Life Line has been designated a 2-1-1 information and referral system. 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 and call **2-1-1**.

Contact Life Line is available for Crisis or Helpline calls 24-hours a day, 7 days a week for reassurance and a confidential listening ear for all who need someone to listen. Get connected by calling 684-7133.

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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unitedwaybedford@bellsouth.net
<http://www.unitedwaybedford.org>

Jostens Car & Bike Show

The 2006 Jostens 9th Annual Car & Bike Show to benefit the United Way raised \$3,870 with 82 participants on Saturday, September 16th. Jostens organizes the special event in addition to their annual employee campaign to raise additional funds for United Way. They have won the "Best Campaign Kick-Off" Award for several years due to the success and uniqueness of this event.



Team members organizing the event were: Anita Ferrell, Holly Holt, Amanda & Larry Hill, Michelle Majors, Chad Segroves, Todd Smith, Kris Thomson, Randy Bryan, Ricky Davis, Wendy Davis, and Red Douglas.

Agency & Community Happenings

The Shelbyville-Bedford County Humane Association will have their annual Celebration Pet Day, at the Ag Center on October 14th. Mary Jo at Puppy Palace will hold a Dog Show. There will be agility demonstrations, visitation of adopted pets, Walden's Puddle and others from Nashville. Admission is free. It will be a fun day for kids and families. For additional information contact
Kitty Graham at 684-5463



The Senior Citizens Center fall ham breakfast fundraiser will be held November 18, 2006 from 7:00 - 10:00a.m. at 111 J.G. Helton Drive. Door prizes will be given and crafts and baked goods will be for sale. Participants can also purchase a pencil and get their name in the drawing to win a quilt handmade by the seniors. For additional information contact
Sonia Miller at
684-0019.



*National 4-H Week is
October 2 - 7, 2006.*

The Times Gazette will run a special section for 4-H on October 24th. 4-H'ers will be submitting articles and pictures to show off their progress for the year.

For additional information on Bedford Co. 4-H contact Emily Osterhaus at 684-5971.

Heart of Tennessee Red Cross Launches New Website

The Heart of TN Chapter of the American Red Cross launched it's new website on Monday, September 11th. The website will serve as an outreach mechanism to educate the community about the importance of their local Red Cross Chapter. The site will be updated regularly to showcase information about Emergency Preparedness, Blood Donations, Volunteer Opportunities, Disaster Services and various Health & Safety Courses. For additional information please call (615) 893-4272 or log on to <http://hot.redcross.org>