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Child Safety Day



United Way provided Child ID Kits to over 280

children ages 2-15. Shelbyville Police officers Linda Adams and Carol Jean, and Deputies Kevin Holton and Tracy Harvey assisted in the fingerprinting of the children. Over 19 youth from Community High School FCCLA volunteered to assist with activities the day such as carnival games, bounce houses, and face painting. Shelbyville Jaycees also assisted with carnival games.



The United Way of Bedford County Board of Directors and staff organized a community-wide child safety day on October 20 at H.V. Griffin Park. Public safety representatives included Bedford County Sheriff's Dept., Bedford Co. EMS, Bedford Co. EMA, Shelbyville Fire Dept., Shelbyville Police Dept., Vanderbilt Life Flight, and VFSI Fire Services.



A special thanks to ALL who were instrumental in making the day a huge success.

The child identification kit is designed to keep a photo, fingerprints, medical and dental information, DNA sample, and other information useful for emergencies.

Child Seat Safety Checks



A Child Seat Safety Check event was conducted on November 3rd at Wal-Mart Supercenter in conjunction with the annual Child Safety Day.

Lt. R.C. Christian and Lt. Tim Griswold with the Tennessee Highway Patrol conducted the child seat checks. A total of 19 seats were checked throughout the day.

Medi-Facts Child Seat Kits, sponsored by Shepenco, were distributed when the child's car seat was inspected by a THP officer. The child seat kits holds the child's basic information in case of an accident occurs and the occupants of the car are not able to speak for the child.

A special thanks to Bedford County EMS and Shelbyville Fire Dept. for being on-hand during the event.



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 2006 provided over \$160,000 to 21 agencies serving Bedford County for the year.

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 20 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.

United Way of Bedford County 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 for 2007 included: 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).

United Way
2007 Membership
Requirements



Completed

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 it's annual ornament fundraiser in December to raise additional funds for agencies requesting funding. This years' ornament depicted the Celebration gates. Last year's ornament was of the Bedford County Courthouse. Some of both 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 presented on an ornament every year. A list has been drafted for ornaments for 20 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.

**UNITED WAY OF
BEDFORD COUNTY
2007/2008
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.
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

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, its 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 four United Way partner agencies. The group met and visited representatives from Habitat for Humanity, Great Strides Therapeutic Riding Program, Contact Life Line, and Boy Scouts of America. "The group visits different partner agencies annually as a reward for the work they put into the campaign and also to give an idea of where their dollars are helping in the community," stated campaign chair Anita Ferrell.



Jostens group visits a Habitat for Humanity home and local Habitat Executive Director Bill Parks.

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

United Way Partners with GoodSearch

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 2007 year, you helped United Way of Bedford County earn over \$12. But, think of what could be earned if we just spread the word? Just 500 of us searching four times a day will raise about \$7300 in a year without anyone spending a dime!

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

Calsonic Kansei Fall Festival

Calsonic organized a "Fall Festival" with their employees to raise additional funds benefiting United Way of Bedford County. Games were part of the day, including Hula Hooping, Balloon Darts, Mummy Wrapping, and Bobbing for Apples. The event raised over \$450. Calsonic organized the special event in addition to their annual employee campaign.



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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Agency & Community Happenings

National Poison Prevention Week March 16-22

National Poison Prevention Week is March 16-22. 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 Fundraiser Horse Show April 26

Bedford County 4-H will have its annual Harvest Festival Horse Show on April 26. Additional information will follow in the April newsletter. For additional questions contact Emily Osterhaus at 684-5971.

*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!

Look Forward This Spring to the International Dinner at The Center for Family Development

The Center for Family Development will be having their annual International Dinner later in the spring, but the date has not been confirmed.

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



Center for Family Development Dancing with the Center January 12

The Center for Family Development will be having a "Dancing with the Center" fundraiser on Saturday, January 12, 7 – 11 p.m. at the Hall of Fame Club at The Calsonic Arena.



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.

The Epilepsy Foundation Therapeutic Recreation

The Epilepsy Foundation provides therapeutic recreation for traumatic brain injury survivors every Tuesday at the Shelbyville Recreation Center from 10a.m. to 2p.m. There is no charge for participants.

For additional information, contact Brent Lokey at 684-5222.

Shelbyville Times-Gazette Insert

The Shelbyville Times-Gazette will have a special United Way of Bedford County insert on Thursday, January 17. 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.