



Community Matters

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United Way of Bedford County Allocations

United Way of Bedford County Board of Directors at their regular June board meeting approved agency allocations for the fiscal year beginning July 1. Over a three month period, the allocations committee reviewed, interviewed, and distributed \$147,500 to 19 agencies serving Bedford County clients.

United Way programs are independently run by local volunteers and staff that make decisions concerning the agencies to fund in the community it serves. United Way of America manages the United Way name and trademark in addition to providing support services and coordination for the many United Way groups.

United Way of Bedford County's allocations were determined by the allocations committee and then ratified by the local board of directors – all Bedford County volunteers.

Following are the agency funding amounts approved at the meeting:

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| Adult Basic Education: \$11,250 | Contact Lifeline: \$8,319 |
| Alzheimer's Association: \$5,679 | Epilepsy Foundation of Middle Tennessee: \$4,517 |
| American Red Cross, Heart of Tennessee chapter: \$4,810 | First Choice Pregnancy Counseling Center: \$3,696 |
| Bedford County 4-H: \$4,818 | Great Strides Therapeutic Riding Program: \$6,484 |
| Boy Scouts of America: \$1,418 | Haven of Hope: \$6,962 |
| Caregiver Relief Program: \$11,150 | Habitat for Humanity Bedford Builds: \$9,016 |
| Center for Family Development (2 programs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>CASA</i>, \$9,612 ■ <i>Healthy Families</i>, \$5,019 | Senior Citizens Center: \$8,271 |
| Child Development Center (2 programs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>Early Intervention</i>, \$17,506 ■ <i>Family Support</i>, \$4,887 | Shelbyville & Bedford County Humane Association: \$4,547 |
| Community Clinic: \$10,130 | Tennessee Poison Control Center: \$3,829 |
| | Tony Rice Center: \$5,448 |

THANK YOU! YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS MADE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

**WHEN WE REACH OUT A HAND TO ONE,
WE INFLUENCE THE CONDITION OF ALL.**

**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



Date: Saturday, July 26th

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Location: Wal-Mart Supercenter
North Main Street
Shelbyville**

In 2007 United Way of Bedford County Board of Directors approved the “Stuff the Bus” initiative. The community responded with an overwhelming collection of over 6,000 school supplies for Bedford County’s children in need. United Way of Bedford County will partner once again with Wal-Mart, the Bedford County School system, and other businesses throughout the community to collect and distribute school supplies for the 2008/2009 school year. Residents can “Stuff the School Bus” with school supplies, which will then be donated to local schools in Bedford County. If everyone could pick up some of the items listed on the school supply list on their way to the checkout and drop it by the bus it would make a huge difference. A school bus will be parked in the Wal-Mart Supercenter parking lot. Volunteers will be staffing the buses to assist patrons who wish to donate supplies.

Suggested items include: 24 ct. Crayons, Colored Pencils, Glue Sticks, Elmer’s Glue, Plastic School Box, Plastic Blunt Fiskars Scissors, Regular Scissors, Folders w/2 Pockets and Brads, Nap Mats, Wide Rule Paper, Spiral Notebooks, Eight-Line Tablets, Book Bags, Zipper Pencil Pouch w/Clear Front & 3 Holes for Notebook, Pocket Dividers, 3X5 Ruled Index Cards, 1” Hardback Vinyl Notebook, 2” – 3 Ring Binder. A complete list can be obtained online at www.unitedwaybedford.org.

Following are businesses throughout the community that have graciously agreed to be a drop-site location through July 22nd

- Bedford Co. Education (Central Office)
- Bedford County Chiropractic
- Bedford County Medical Center
- Bell Buckle Café
- Dr. Jimmy Clark, DDS
- First Community Bank (Elm Street)
- First Community Bank (Madison St.)
- First Community Bank (North Main St.)
- FirstBank
- H&H Piggly Wiggly (Unionville)
- Heritage South Credit Union
- Kut Ups Family Hair Design
- Peoples Bank of Bedford Co.
- Pinnacle Financial
- Regions Bank (Main Branch)
- Regions Bank (Elm Street)
- Regions Bank (East Branch)
- Shelbyville Recreation Center
- Stor-N-Lock
- USBank
- Wartrace Town Hall

Prescription Drug Discount Cards

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. 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 2007 will provide over \$147,500 to 19 agencies serving Bedford County for the year.

Campaign Kick-off Cookout



Mark your calendar! United Way of Bedford County wants to thank you for your continued support. A 2008/2009 Campaign Kick-off Cookout has been scheduled for **Tuesday, September 9** from 4:30-6:30 pm. at H.V. Griffin park at the large pavilion. Enjoy hamburgers and hotdogs and local talent. Meet partner agency representatives and see how your contributions are working to improve lives in Bedford County.

A special thanks is extended to Wal-Mart D.C. for sponsoring the event. Please contact the United Way office to confirm your participation or for additional questions about the event. And again, **THANK YOU** for making a difference in Bedford County.

Jostens Car & Bike Show



Don't miss the 11th Annual Jostens Car & Bike Show! The event will be held on **Saturday, September 20** at the main Jostens plant at 1401 Union Street. Registration is from 8:00 – noon. Judging will begin at noon. There will be 1st and 2nd place trophies for each class of cars, trucks, and motorcycles.

The Jostens Car & Bike Show raised \$3,779 with over 100 participants in 2007. Jostens organizes the special event in addition to their annual employee campaign to raise additional funds for United Way of Bedford County. For more information contact Anita Ferrell at (931) 685-6552 or Holly Holt at 685-6565. Concessions and swap meet space is available. Whether you are an avid car or bike collector or an enthusiast you don't want to miss this one!



Letter from the Taylor Grissom...Summer Intern



I have lived in Bedford County all of my life and have always been in love with the rolling hills and small town atmosphere. It was not until I began serving as the summer writing intern for the United Way that I realized the caring individuals who inhabit Bedford County are what make this place so special.

I am majoring in English with an emphasis in writing at MTSU and will graduate in August. The most rewarding part of my college career has been working with Dawn Holley, the United Way, and all its partner agencies. I have prepared flyers and registration forms for the upcoming 5K Run. With the campaigning season upon us, I was fortunate enough to be involved with the United Way of Bedford County's DVD/PSA. This assignment allowed me to speak with each agency's directors, all to whom have given me kind words and encouragement. Through researching each allocation application, I learned just how much time and effort, given by selfless individuals, goes into helping others in need. I feel as though my writing skills have gotten stronger and I will carry what I have learned into my future professional field. The United Way of Bedford County has given me a wonderful opportunity, great memories, life lessons, and the motivation I need for the future. Thank you all for everything.

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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Bedford County Chiropractic Gives to United Way

In celebration of their five years of service to the Bedford County community, Bedford County Chiropractic held Patient Appreciation Days in June. All existing patients received chiropractic treatment and new patients received consultation and x-rays. Free scoliosis screenings were also conducted. Plenty of food, goodies, and door prizes were available. Patients made a \$20 contribution for services received on this day dedicated to United Way. All collections for those days were donated to United Way of Bedford County. With the help of Dr. Ron Fausnaught, staff, and patients over \$600 was raised for United Way of Bedford County. Thanks so much for helping others in the community!



L-R: UW executive director Dawn Holley, Dr. Ron Fausnaught, and UW board member Connie Boutwell

Agency & Community Happenings

Humane Association Pet Day



Shelbyville-Bedford County Humane Association will have its annual Celebration Pet Day at the AG Center on Saturday, September 27 from 10:30 am – 4 pm.

There will be a dog show, vendors, games, food, and other activities. Join us for lots of food and fun. For additional information contact Kitty Graham or Diane Forbes at 684-5463.

Alzheimer's Association Telephone Support Group for Caregivers

Recognizing that many people who care for and support persons with dementia cannot leave their loved ones to attend one of our many Support Groups; the Mid-South Chapter is now offering a Toll-Free Telephone Support Group. Made possible by a grant from the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability, the Telephone Support Group will be available on the 4th Monday of each month from 2-3 pm:

- Each call is free and confidential; the facilitator will ask what town you are calling from and your relationship to the person you support (i.e. spouse, daughter, etc) but not your name
- Give and get support from others having the same challenges
- Call TOLL-FREE from your own home
- Learn about resources in YOUR community
- Have your questions answered by professionals

Date: 4th Monday of each month

Call: 1-866-296-6505

PASSWORD: 8335456

Please place your call at 1:55



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FOR CREATING
OPPORTUNITIES AND
INSPIRING
HOPE FOR A
BETTER TOMORROW.**

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LIVE UNITED™ 