



# Newsletter

June 2008

## 2008/2009 Campaign Chair



*Don Kleine  
2008/2009 Campaign Chair*

United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties is pleased to announce Don Kleine as the 2008/2009 Campaign Chair.

Don, a resident of the Alexandria community since 1977, has been in the financial services business for nearly 30 years and is currently a Senior Business Relationship manager at Wells Fargo Bank.

A familiar face at United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties, he is currently serving his second term on the Board of Directors, the past three as Treasurer.

"I have learned a lot about the wonderful things that are accomplished through the agencies and communities served by United Way. I'm excited about the upcoming campaign and looking forward to a community celebration as we continue a tradition of successful campaigns."

"My hope is that we are able to fund each and every request that comes before United Way to meet the needs in the communities we serve. We can do it your way, my way or our way. United, we can support the agencies who make a difference in our local communities, improving lives of the people they serve."

**Let's do it the United Way!**

Don is married to Jill, and together they are parents of five children and grandparents of one.

## Imagination Library Updates



Lakes Area Charter School held a 'Penny War' to raise funds for a local community need that would be identifiable to the kids. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Program was chosen because it promotes reading at an early age.

After all the change was added up, students and staff were excited to discover they collected \$180! "What a nice surprise," commented Linda Roles, United Way. "The Imagination Library Program has proven to be extremely well-received and this money will directly support children living in our Douglas County communities." Thank you to the students, their families, and the staff at Lakes Area Charter Schools for recognizing the value of this program with a donation.

## Activities & Events Calendar

**United Way Golf Classic\***

Geneva Golf Club  
Monday, June 16th

**Pete's Ribfest for United Way\***

Pete's County Market Patio  
Friday & Saturday, June 5th & 6th  
11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**2008 Volunteer Workshop\***

Holiday Inn, Alexandria  
Tuesday, June 10th  
9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**2nd Annual Motorcycle Rally\***

Pete's County Market & Fat Daddy's  
Saturday, July 12th

**Elder Network's "Tour of Vintage Summer Cottages"\***

Tuesday, July 29  
3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**United Way Chili Feed and Silent Auction \***

Broadway Ballroom  
Tuesday, October 7  
11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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## Upcoming Events



### Pete's Ribfest for United Way June 5th & 6th from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Pete's County Market Patio, Alexandria

Pete's is serving up mouthwatering St. Louis style BBQ ribs, chips and pop for only \$5. All profits and additional donations go directly to United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties. Make lunch plans now and help support over 38 local partner agencies in Douglas County.

For more information, call us at 763-48410. You can also fax your orders and they will be ready to be picked up when you want them. The order form can be found at [www.uwdp.org](http://www.uwdp.org), under the 'Special Events' link.

### 8th Annual United Way Golf Classic June 16th. Shotgun start 1 p.m., Barbecue at 5:30 p.m. Geneva Golf Course

Once again the 36-team field is full for this annual fundraiser. Golf carts will be lined up in front of the clubhouse at Geneva Golf Course, ready to take off at 12:45 p.m. for the 1:00 shotgun start. Golfing is followed by a raffle drawing and barbecue supper. The Grand Prize drawing will be a 1-year membership to Geneva Golf Club, valued at over \$1,000!

There is still time to sponsor a hole or donate prizes. Hole sponsor receive two tickets for both the registration drawing and the barbecue. If you would like more information for this year's event or are interested in sponsoring a team in 2009, please contact United Way at 763-4840. Additional information can be found at [www.uwdp.org](http://www.uwdp.org).



### 2nd Annual Benefit Motorcycle Rally July 12th starting with registration at 11:00 a.m. Pete's County Market and Fat Daddy's Bar & Grill, Alexandria

Pete's County Market and Fat Daddy's Bar & Grill are sponsoring this event to benefit United Way, American Cancer Society, The Hood and Fat Daddy's Jr. Bowling League. The ride will take you north of Alexandria with a brief stop in Urbank. Upon returning to Fat Daddy's, there will be live music and food.

Check out our website at [www.uwdp.org](http://www.uwdp.org) for more information or contact Pete's County Market. This was so popular last year that it is becoming an annual event! Don't miss out.



### Elder Network's "Tour of Vintage Summer Cottages" July 29th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Alexandria

Visit some of the area's most beautiful and interesting cottages dating back to the early 1900's. These cottages have maintained their historic charm from days gone by. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the tour. You can purchase tickets at Design 29, Elden's Food Fair, Pete's County Market, Trumm Drug and Yesterday's in downtown Alexandria. Plan now to be part of the tour and support Elder Network's many programs helping area seniors.



### 11th Annual United Way Chili Feed and Silent Auction October 7th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Broadway Ballroom, Alexandria



2007 Winning Display  
Bistro to Go

The planning is already underway for the 2008 edition of the United Way Chili Feed. The date this year will be Tuesday, October 7th. We return once again to the Broadway Ballroom in Alexandria. "Chili International" is the theme for 2008. Thanks to Kathy Haug at Alexandria School District #206 for this great suggestion.

Since 1948, October 24th has been recognized as United Nations Day all over the world. What better way to get a head start on the celebration than to savor a variety of chili recipes that are sure to have an *International Flair*? Not only will the chili recipes have an international flair, but the costumes and decorations promise to be worldly as well.

2007 saw a record 750 people enjoying one or more of the 35 varieties of "South of the Border" chili recipes on hand. In 2008, we hope to continue the growth we have seen in the nine previous events. Once again there will be Silent Auction for visitors to review and bid on. There are always many fine items to choose from and the bidding can get serious! Watch for future updates. Plan now to enter your favorite chili recipe or simply come out for an enjoyable lunch and cast your vote for the coveted "People's Choice Award". This is always a lot of fun and with the international theme this year, should be better than ever. Hope to see you there!

## Elder Network

### Elder Network

Elder Network is a leader in providing volunteer services to older adults in Douglas County for over 11 years. Our volunteers: empower older adults facing the difficulties and changes of growing older; listen to the life stories of older adults and restore renewed confidence, vitality and self-esteem; encourage older adults to develop a support network; and keep all interactions in strictest confidence.

Elder Network volunteer peer counselors and professional staff meet with older adults in their homes weekly to provide support due to life changes, loss, loneliness, or emotional concerns.

Providing care 24 hrs/day, 7 days/wk is often exhausting, stressful, and difficult care. Caregivers need a lot of support but often do not ask for it. Elder Network offers seniors a support/respite care program that provides the caregiver with respite and the care receiver with supervision and companionship.



**“Having someone listen to you can help restore confidence and self-esteem.”**

In our program, the caregiver is able to have a much needed break while their loved one is cared for by one of our trained volunteers. Once a week, for 2 to 4 hours, the caregiver can leave the home to run errands, have lunch with a friend, work in the garden, or just take an uninterrupted, much needed nap.

“The Gathering” is an out-of-the-home social environment for the care receiver. Every

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month the caregiver can bring their care receiver to Clearwater Suites where our volunteers care for them from noon to 4 p.m. while the caregiver’s may enjoy respite from caring.

The Care Team Program continues to partner with area churches to provide transportation and chore assistance to senior members of our community. Last year, over 500 transportation and chore services were provided to 92 clients by 60 trained volunteers.

Elder Network is a non-profit program serving residents of Douglas County, age 55 years and older. Referrals are accepted by phone or mail, services are confidential, and new volunteers are welcome. Donations are accepted and appreciated.

Elder Network gratefully acknowledges the support of United Way of Pope and Douglas Counties.

## Youth as Resources

(An old article appeared in the May newsletter, incorrectly titled “Young People’s Place”. The following article should have appeared. Our apologies to Youth as Resources and also Young People’s Place for the mistake.)

### Youth Taking the Lead in Community Change

Douglas County young people in all walks of life are taking the lead in community change, through the program Youth as Resources (YAR). Youth as Resources is a grant-giving program which funds youth-designed, youth-led community service projects in Douglas County. Youth determine the project they believe will solve a need in their community such as a reading program for elementary students, blankets for babies of teen moms, a dance for senior citizens and other volunteer activities. YAR promotes youth in service to their community and eliminates one barrier to youth service – lack of funds for supplies to complete service projects.

The Douglas County Youth As Resources Board is comprised of youth (75%) and adults (25%) with a total of 18 board members. All board leadership is a model of youth-adult partnership. Youth groups may apply to the YAR board for grants of up to \$1,000.00 to purchase needed supplies for their project. The YAR board reviews all applications on a monthly basis and awards grants that fit under at least one of six project priority areas. The project areas include: increase youth activities, decrease racism and bias, promote

healthy choices, encourage successful youth, increase self sufficiency, strengthen families.

Douglas County YAR has established itself as an effective grant-making program which serves an average of 3,000 youth and adults, in 10-15 service projects annually. Since 2004, the YAR board has awarded 45 grants totaling \$26,555 to young people in Douglas County. Support for YAR comes from the United Way Douglas and Pope Counties.

Young people need more opportunities to become decision-makers and serve their community. Youth As Resources presents an effective model of providing leadership opportunities to youth board members, as well as to the community service project leaders and participants. For more information about YAR and for a grant application, visit the United Way website at [www.uwdp.org](http://www.uwdp.org) and click on “YAR.”



*Relationship & Family Living Class at Jefferson High School with their “Blankets for Babies of Teen Mom’s” project.*

## Honoring Friends and Family with Special Gifts

### Memorial Gifts

Some things do last forever. By making a memorial gift you can honor a special friend or loved one even after they are gone. Their community was important to them. By giving to United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties, you honor them by supporting people who need it most in their home community. Memorial Gifts to the United Way are listed in our monthly newsletter.

### Gifts Honoring Special Person or Event

Honor special events like a birthday, wedding anniversary, or retirement with a gift that continues to give by helping others. This is a great idea for that “hard to buy for” person! These will also be listed in our newsletter.

### Leave a Legacy - Planned Gift

A Planned Gift can take many forms. It can be as basic as designating United Way as a beneficiary in a will or life insurance policy. It can also be more complex, such as designating funds from a trust account. Often times, there can be significant tax advantages as well, depending on the asset donated. An experienced financial planner or tax advisor can play a valuable role in determining the most appropriate plan.

Please contact our office at 763-4840 for additional information.

## Board of Directors

<b>Board President:</b> Tom Peterman	Douglas Machine
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## Campaign Cabinet

<b>Campaign Co-Chairs:</b> Terry Kennedy	Retired Surgeon
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Jody Hanson	Echo Press
Susan Skoglund	Viking Savings Association
<b>Annual Golf Classic:</b> Dale Erickson	Henry's Foods
<b>Chili Feed:</b> Marcia Gae Schmitt	Brophy Bay, Inc.
<b>Silent Auction:</b> Sheila Marciniak	American Family Insurance

## United Way Staff

Linda Roles	Executive Director
Jessica Boyer	Community Impact Director
Randy Bredeson	Technology & Financial Assistant
Craig Erickson	Administrative Assistant & Event Coordinator

### Mission Statement

Mobilizing Douglas and Pope County resources to create sustained changes in community conditions to improve lives.

## 2007/08 Agencies and Programs

Alexandria Area Uncompensated Care	Osakis ECFE
Alexandria Family School	Red Cross of Douglas County
Alexandria Literacy Project	Salvation Army
Alexandria Senior Center	School District #206 - <i>Community Education &amp; Middle School at Risk</i>
Boy Scouts, Northern Lights Council	Someplace Safe (New 2007/08)
Brandon, Evansville, Ashby - ECFE	TePPAC ( <i>Teen Pregnancy Prevention Action Council</i> )
Caritas Family Services	The Village Family Service Center
Club 1	The Windmill Project
Confidence Learning Center	WINGS (formerly Listening Ear Crisis Center) <i>Domestic Violence</i>
Douglas County Jail - <i>Anger Management &amp; Inmate Transition Programs</i>	Young People's Place
Elder Network	Youth as Resources
Foster Grandparent Program	
Girl Scouts, MN & WI Lakes & Pines Lakes Area Recreation - <i>Scholarship Program &amp; The Zone</i>	
Legal Services of NW Minnesota	
Lutheran Social Service - <i>Counseling; In Home Family; &amp; Parenting</i>	
Miracle Horse Riders	
North Country Food Bank	

United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties thanks the many supporters who helped us help those who need it most by providing \$350,000 to fund these local health and human services programs.



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