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United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties *NEWSLETTER*

July 2008

Year-end Review by Linda Roles

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who helped in making this success possible! The 2007/08 campaign once again broke records by raising a total of \$575,633.68 which is about \$45,000 more than the previous campaign.

It is always impressive to see the great efforts businesses and their employees put into their campaigns. Every year I look forward to seeing the new special events employees have planned for their company's campaign. Some businesses actually start planning for the next year's campaign as soon as one year is complete. Now, that is impressive!

This past year was my 10th campaign and every year I continue to be amazed at the incredible support in our community with the passion and commitment of residents to make a difference in the lives of others.

United Way has a history of outstanding individuals who step forward to chair the campaigns over the years. Every chair has brought their unique expertise and talents to add a special event, incentive, promotion, presentation, or some other special touch that has contributed to the growth of the fundraising efforts each year.

Kudos to Pat and Dr. Terry Kennedy for chairing the past campaign. They added a great event to our campaign with the "St. Patrick's Day for Snowbirds" show. The event was such a success that it will return to the AAAA Theatre on October 18th.

Board members are also a huge part of the continued success of the local United Way. They have the responsibility of making some very difficult decisions each year. They see the big picture and have the foresight to make decisions that are best for the common good of our communities. When you run into a board member please thank them for their selfless dedication to the community. Check out the list of board members on page 4.

Agencies and their dedicated staff are critical partners. If you've never participated in United Way allocations or volunteered at an agency, I strongly encourage you do so. It's a great way to see first hand the work being done.

Last, but not least is the wonderful staff we all get to work with. Randy and Craig work to make things run smoothly behind the scenes. With the addition of Jessica Boyer, Community Impact Director, we are better equipped to address the most critical needs in our local communities.

Campaign Review—Top Ten Companies

Total Dollars Contributed:

Tastefully Simple	\$116,154
ITW Heartland	\$42,134
Unicel	\$37,580
3M Company	\$29,417
Douglas Machine	\$20,404
Bremer Bank & Insurance	\$18,149
Douglas County Hospital	\$16,986
School District #206	\$15,059
Brenton Engineering	\$14,568
UPS	\$11,212

Largest % increase over previous year:

Merrill Lynch	83%
Herberger's	30%
Henry's Foods	28%
Douglas Machine	25%
Massman Automation Design	24%
Unicel	24%
Wells Fargo Bank	24%
ITW Heartland	20%
Brenton Engineering	19%
Target	14%

Activities & Events Calendar

2nd Annual Motorcycle Rally*
Pete's County Market & Fat Daddy's
Saturday, July 12th

Boy Scouts Day Camps
July 25th, Noon to 6:00 p.m.
July 26th, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.,

**Elder Network's "Tour of
Vintage Summer Cottages"***
Tuesday, July 29
3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Someplace Safe "Unity Gala"
September 12th, 6:00 p.m.
Lakeside Ballroom, Glenwood

**United Way Chili Feed and
Silent Auction***
Broadway Ballroom
Tuesday, October 7
11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

United Way Coat Distribution
Thursday, October 16

St. Patrick's Day for Snowbirds
AAAA Theatre
Saturday, October 18, 7:00 p.m.

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Upcoming Events



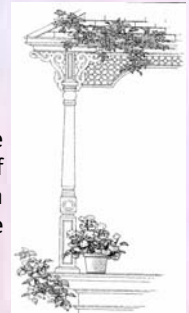
2nd Annual Benefit Motorcycle Rally July 12th starting with registration at 12:00 p.m. Pete's County Market and Fat Daddy's Bar & Grill, Alexandria

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 for more information or contact Pete's County Market. This was so popular last year that it is becoming an annual event!

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 Elden's Food Fair, Pete's County Market, and Trumm Drug in downtown Alexandria. This is a fun event and proceeds support Elder Network's many programs helping seniors in the Douglas County area.



2007 Winning Display
Bistro to Go

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

Chili International is the theme for the 11th annual United Way Chili Feed and Silent Auction. The event returns to the Broadway Ballroom. Creativity should abound with the international theme, both with costumes and chili recipes!

Category winners in 2007 included:
People's Choice3M
Commercial Division ..Arrowwood
Open DivisionArrowwood

Hottest Alexandria Fire Department
Most Unusual Legal Services NW Minnesota
Best Display Bistro to Go

Watch for more information in the coming months. 2007 was a record turnout and there's no reason to believe 2008 won't be even better, so start planning your chili recipes and your costumes now. Don't miss out on what is always a lot of fun for everyone!

June FUNdraising Events

8th Annual United Way Golf Classic

On Monday, June 16, 132 golfers teed up for the 8th annual United Way Golf Classic, raising nearly \$11,000! Following a fun day on the course, players enjoyed the barbecue supper and waited to hear their number called for the many raffle prizes generously donated by area businesses.

Congratulations to Chris Kleine, Grand Prize Winner of a 1-year golfing membership, courtesy of Geneva Golf Club!



Dale Erickson, Golf Committee Chair and Gary Thompson, Geneva Golf Club with Grand Prize Winner, Chris Kleine

Other winners included:
1st Place-Rotary (57)
2nd Place-Tom's Food Pride (60)
Longest Drive (W)-Kari Nelson
Longest Drive (M)-Mark Deterding
Longest Putt (W)-Kathy Katzenmeyer
Longest Putt (M)-Bill Douglas
Closest to Pin (W)-Lois Sinn Lindquist
Closest to Pin (M)-Gary Webskowski

Thank you to all who participated and the many hole sponsors and prize donors. Mark your calendars

for June 15, 2009 and plan to be part of this great event next year.

Pete's County Market - Ribs and Ice Cream Events

United Way teamed up with Pete's County Market in Alexandria for two delicious events in June.

Ribfest for United Way



The winds and rain couldn't keep hungry rib-lovers away on June 5th & 6th as over 900 servings of St. Louis-style ribs, along with chips, pop and a candy bar were served, raising \$1,832!

Thanks to the wonderful folks at Pete's for sponsoring the event and to Rose City Barbecue for cookin' up the tasty ribs.

Ice Cream Social

The fun returned to Pete's on June 21st with an Ice Cream Social celebrating Pete's County Market's birthday. Free ice cream with a variety of toppings were served to hundreds of people looking for a refreshing treat on a hot afternoon.

Over \$278 in free will donations were contributed by ice cream lovers during the 3-hour event. Thanks once again to Pete's County Market, our wonderful volunteers, and everyone who came out in support of our partner agencies.

The Village Family Service Center



Last August we ran an article describing some of the programs provided by The Village Family Service Center, supporting and strengthening families. Recently they sent a few success stories demonstrating the impact their programs have on children and families.

The first one involves a youth worker who was working with a boy client with attachment anxiety who had difficulty leaving his home and mom. Thanks to their efforts, the child has been getting involved with extra-curricular activities, slept over at a friend's without issues and even gets excited to leave home now, meeting you at the door when it's time to go! He no longer requires reassurance (or very limited) from mom.

Another case involves a family referred for family-based services to work on reunification within the family due to a child in out-of-home placement. Parents were presented with conflicting methods and perceptions on the best way to parent the children resulting in conflict regarding discipline. The family also struggled with continuous conflict between

siblings, parents, and parents and children.

A counselor worked with the parents on creating and implementing specific rules, limits and behavioral expectations in the home that could be enforced consistently by the parents as well as creating natural and logical consequences. The Family learned and practiced new communication skills which allowed them to express their individual feelings and perceptions so that they would be heard by other family members. Parents began to parent together and verbalized a feeling of increased cohesiveness in the family. A notable decrease in conflict was reported as well as more positive interactions between family members.

Funding from United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties supports many local agencies like The Village Family Service Center who help individuals and families in our communities make changes to improve their lives.

Watch for more articles in the future showing how your support is going to work in your community.

Volunteer Spotlight



Carol Juul

Carol comes to the United Way Board of Directors with a wealth of community involvement, most recently as Treasurer of the Alexandria Sesquicentennial Board.

In her words, "There are things greater than oneself and to help others through community involvement is key. The purpose of getting involved is twofold, first we win by helping others and secondly we win through the contacts and friendships formed."

Carol and her husband, Tom, are parents of 3 boys, ages 18, 13 and 10 and live south of Evansville.

Thank you, Carol, for supporting your community the United Way!

Catholic Charities - Caritas Family Services



Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Cloud offers 40 programs of service to the 16-county St. Cloud Diocese - an

area stretching from Cambridge in the East to the Dakota Border in the West, and from Wadena in the North to Pope County in the South.

In Pope and Douglas Counties, Catholic Charities provides service through Catholic Charities Central Minnesota Foster Grandparent Program and Catholic Charities Caritas Family Services.

Four programs of Catholic Charities Caritas Family Services serve Douglas and Pope Counties:

Catholic Charities Adoption Services



Catholic Charities is licensed by the State of Minnesota Department of Human

Services to provide infant foster care and adoption services for birth parents and adoptive parents.

Catholic Charities Caritas Mental Health Clinic Outreach Services

Catholic Charities counselors meet local clients at St. Mary's Parish School in Alexandria for individual, marriage or family counseling.

Catholic Charities Financial & Housing Counseling

Financial Counselors sit down with families (in person or over the phone) to help sort their financial or housing situation. We provide information, advocacy and referrals to clients.



Catholic Charities Pregnancy Counseling

Our goal is to help women and men make the best decision for themselves and their baby by accessing their current situation, and the likely situation after the baby is born. Counseling is done in private locations throughout our service area.

Anyone is eligible for Catholic Charities services, regardless of race, color, creed, age, income, national origin, sexual orientation, sex, disability, marital status or religious affiliation.

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.

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Mission Statement

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

2008/09 United Way Partner Agencies and Programs

211 - First Call	Lakes Area Recreation- <i>Scholarship Program & The Zone</i>	TePPAC (<i>Teen Pregnancy Prevention Action Council</i>)
Alexandria Family School	Legal Services of NW Minnesota	Teen Court - Douglas County
Alexandria Literacy Project	Lutheran Social Service -Douglas County <i>Counseling, In Home Family, Education</i>	UCAN (<i>United Communities Advocating Non-Violence</i>)
Alexandria Senior Center	Lutheran Social Services-Pope County	The Village Family Service Center
Boy Scouts, Northern Lights Council Douglas County	Minnewaska Area ECFE	The Windmill Project-Douglas County
Boy Scouts, Northern Lights Council Pope County	Miracle Horse Riders	The Windmill Project-Pope County
Brandon, Evansville, Ashby ECFE	North Country Food Bank-Douglas County	WINGS <i>Child Abuse, PLUS Kids, & Transitional Housing</i>
Catholic Charities- <i>Caritas Family Services & Foster Grandparents</i>	North Country Food Bank, Pope County	Young People's Place
Club 1	Pope County Family Collaborative	Youth as Resources
Confidence Learning Center	Salvation Army-Douglas County	
Douglas County Jail- <i>Anger Management & Inmate Transition Programs</i>	Salvation Army-Pope County	
Elder Network	School District #206- <i>Community Education & Middle School at Risk</i>	
Girl Scouts, MN & WI Lakes & Pines	Someplace Safe-Douglas County	
Lakes & Prairies Community Child Care Resource & Referral	Someplace Safe-Pope County <i>Domestic Violence & Parenting Center</i>	

United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties thanks the many supporters who helped support these programs. Additional programs being funded include Dolly Parton Imagination Library and the Community Impact Coalition.

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