

Live United

United Way of Douglas
& Pope Counties



Newsletter

June 2009

Allocations

On May 19, 2009, United Way Board of Directors allocated funds for the 2009/10 fiscal year partner agencies in Douglas and Pope Counties.

A total of \$339,936 was allocated to 31 agencies providing 47 programs.

Requests exceeded available funds by \$170,778,

Douglas County

- 211 Northwest \$1,000
- Alexandria Family School \$15,000
- Alexandria Literacy Project \$5,330
- Alexandria Senior Center \$4,000
- Boy Scouts \$2,650
- Brandon, Evansville, Ashby, ECFE \$5,915
- Catholic Charities
 - Foster Grandparent \$1,950
 - Caritas Family Services \$1,200
- Child Care Resource & Referral \$975
- Club 1 \$4,000
- District #206
 - Mentoring \$16,000
 - Middle School At Risk \$7,700
- Douglas County Jail
 - Anger Management \$2,500
 - Inmate Transition \$2,000
- Elder Network \$16,000
- Imagination Library \$36,000
- Girl Scouts \$3,188
- LAR (Lakes Area Rec)
 - The Zone \$6,000
 - Scholarships \$7,670
- Legal Services of NW MN - \$8,450

- Lutheran Social Services:
 - Counseling \$12,000
 - Education \$1,950
 - Parenting \$13,136
 - In Home Family \$7,800
- Miracle Horse Riders \$8,000
- North Country Food Bank \$7,273
- Osakis ECFE \$1,600
- Salvation Army \$8,800
- Someplace Safe
 - Domestic Violence \$8,000
 - Sexual Assault \$4,400
 - General Crimes \$3,575
- Teen Court \$4,800
- TePPAC \$9,844
- UCAN \$2,000
- Village Family Service Center
 - Counseling \$10,000
 - Children of Divorce \$5,040
- Windmill Project \$3,080
- WINGS
 - Child & Youth Services \$5,200
 - Plus Kids \$30,240
 - Transitional Housing \$11,200
- Young People's Place \$8,000
- Youth as Resources \$2,800

Pope County

- Imagination Library \$14,000
- Minnewaska ECFE \$2,000
- North Country Food Bank \$2,190
- Windmill Project \$800
- Someplace Safe
 - Parenting \$1,000
 - Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault \$2,800
- Salvation Army \$1,000

Grant Fund

United Way has set aside \$20,000 for new programs and emergency needs.

Activities & Events Calendar

June 1 Total Money Makeover

Dave Ramsey, Holiday Inn 6:30 pm
Free, no pre-registration

June 6 Kid Fishing & Bike Rodeo

Take a Kid Fishing & Bike Rodeo
Sponsored by Glenwood Police Department and Chamber

June 15 United Way Golf Classic

Geneva Golf Club
1 pm shotgun start
Call 763-4840 to register

June 20-21 Pope County Hospice Motorcycle Weekend

Community Breakfast 9 am-12
Registration at noon at City Park

June 22-26 Kids Camp / July 6-9 Teen Camp

Salvation Army Camp free
Contact Peggy Kill
1-320-287-0480

July 6 Of Mice & Mutual Funds

Dave Ramsey, Holiday Inn 6:30 pm
Free, no pre-registration

July 9 & 10 Pete's County Market's Ribfest for United Way

Ribs, Chips and pop served
11 am-2 pm Profits go to the
United Way for agencies programs

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Alexandria Senior Center

The Alexandria Senior Center is located in the heart of downtown Alexandria, and is here to serve all seniors in Douglas County. The driving force creating the Alexandria Senior Center was the senior nutrition program.

The Alexandria senior citizen's group originated in 1955 when monthly parties were held at the local high school. The gatherings expanded to include card parties and bingo at various loaned sites under the Alexandria Recreation Department.

An early senior nutrition site was opened at a local restaurant under the direction of Lutheran Social Services in Moorhead. The nutrition program flourished and immediately became the hottest ticket in town with large numbers of seniors taking advantage of this wonderful new program.

The program was initially housed at Garden Center. Ultimately, over the course of time, spatial challenges and increasing rent eventually necessitated the senior nutrition program to make two more moves to their current home today.

To simplify construction and lessen costs, the Alexandria Senior Center was built in conjunction with an apartment complex for senior living by the Paul Anderson Foundation. After completion the senior center was deeded over to all seniors of Douglas County for the benefit of all county seniors.

The Mission Statement of the Alexandria Senior Center states that we strive to provide a space for all seniors and to make available to them opportunities for daily nutrition, to offer education and recreation, as well as to create an environment that will allow seniors to volunteer and give of themselves in an enjoyable and worthwhile manner.

Senior Center fundraisers benefit special projects. Membership is not a requirement to take part in activities and all events are open to the public. Additional funding comes from the City of Alexandria, Alexandria, LaGrand and Lake Mary townships. For more information call 762-2087

Pete's United Way Ribfest

Mark your calendars on July 9-10 for the United Way Ribfest at Pete's County Market. This year's Ribfest includes BBQ Pork Ribs, chips, and pop all for \$5.

All profits go to the United Way to support over 30 United Way funded agencies. All the wonderful ribs will be yours to enjoy.

Sponsors at this year's Ribfest include:

- Pete's County Market,
- Coca Cola
- Hormel
- Rose City BBQ Sauce

Stop out to the Pete's County Market patio from 11 am - 2 pm.

Volunteers needed both days, call United Way at 763-4840.



Plant an Extra Row

Help local families by donating your extra produce to United Way

For more information:

Phone: 320-763-4840

Website: www.uwdp.org

Email: united-1@rea-alp.com

WINGS Father's Services

WINGS Father's program recognizes the importance of father-child bonding and involvement of the father in a child's life. WINGS assists fathers in developing relationships and bonding with their children. The program supports local fathers in accessing social services and community programs. Father support addresses multi-generational family dynamics and issues. It helps the fathers develop good parenting skills focusing on the needs of the father and most importantly on what is good for the child. Fathers in the WINGS program learn how to overcome barriers to becoming a positive role model for their children.

Programs are available to low and poverty level income dads, young dads 18-25, non-custodial dads, unmarried dads, incarcerated dads and single dads. The services provided to these dads are support groups, individual needs assessment and customized programs for individuals with one on one support. WINGS offers assistance with job seeking skills, and legal resources. The Father's program also teaches skills to prepare fathers with good tools for conflict resolution. All the services are free and confidential.

Positive father involvement protects children from engaging in delinquent behavior, less substance abuse, truancy and stealing. Positive father influences help children feel supported and there are fewer externalizing symptoms of acting out, disruptive behavior, depression, sadness and lying in children. If you are interested in volunteering or need more information, please call WINGS 763-6638.

New Campaign Chair



Chris Schroeder

Chris Schroeder was recently named the Campaign Chair for the United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties' 2009-10 campaign.

She is employed with Merrill Lynch in Alexandria as a Financial Advisor, CRPS, CRPC. Chris has been married for 12 years to her husband Rob who works at Alexandria Extrusion. They have two boys, Ethan 7 and Evan 9.

A strong supporter of our community, Chris embodies the LIVE UNITED theme. She has volunteered throughout the community for years.

As the 2006 Past President of the Alexandria Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce, Chris has served on several committees for the Chamber of Commerce. She is a 2001 graduate of Leadership Alexandria, and currently sits on the Board of Directors for United Way.

Chris accepted the Campaign Chair position this year because she has a strong passion for the United Way and for the essential support it provides to our community.

"Our United Way needs people who are committed about supporting one another and solving our communities' most critical issues", says Chris. Her objective as Campaign Chair is to ensure that as a community, we do not allow an economic slow-down to affect the level of support we are able to provide to our local agencies. Too many local residents are depending on the services provided through United Way funding.

"Live United" and "Give. Advocate. Volunteer". These are themes you will hear a lot about in the upcoming campaign. This is what United Way means to Chris and she is committed to making it happen in our community.

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, 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.

Leave a Legacy

Gifts 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 asset donated. An experienced financial planner or tax advisor can play a valuable role in determining the appropriate plan.

For more information, please contact the United way at 763-4840.

Alex Area Stewards

United Way, along with the Community Impact Coalition, and LAVA have joined with the Alex Area Stewards to work on several destiny drivers for the future of our region. United Way will be working on two stewardship areas:

1. Decrease poverty and improve the quality of life for all by 2015
2. Increase volunteerism by 2012 by 20%.

The Alex Area Stewards are people uniting to ensure a more vibrant region in the future. The initiative is designed to bring people together for the common good or our region,

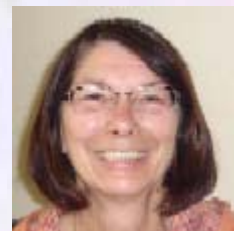
Echo Press will be running 13 weeks of articles relating to the Alex Area Stewards Project in effort to inform community members how they can join in the process of building a better community and a better region for all citizens.

This all fits nicely into the United way theme LIVE UNITED.

Volunteer to get involved, work with others to better the lives of the citizens in our region.

Call United Way at 763-4840 for more information.

Volunteer Spotlight



Cindy Zacher

Cindy has been a United Way volunteer for a number of years. Last year she co-chaired the Chili Feed and this year she will chair the Chili Feed which will be October 6 at the Broadway Ballroom. Cindy is co-owner of Zacher Excavating and the mother of a 17 year old daughter, Kelsey.

Cindy loves volunteering at her daughter's school, St. Mary's Catholic church and at Knute Nelson. In the past she has been a mentor in the District 206 Mentoring program. Her willingness to volunteer is driven by her love of people and desire to help them. "LIVE UNITED" is what Cindy is all about as she works to make our community a better place.

Her hobbies include reading, bowling, traveling, biking and motorcycling.

Cindy looks forward to the Chili Feed and has also volunteered to help with the United Way Golf Classic. Thanks for

Volunteers Needed

Boy Scouts

July 25 from 1-7 pm

July 26 from 9-5 pm

Volunteers are needed for day camp at Smokey Timbers on Lake Miltona
Contact Jim Stratton at 834-3728

Band Festival Parade

Sunday June 29

Numerous volunteers are needed to help the day of the Band Festival parade
Contact the Chamber at 763-3161

Pete's County Market Ribfest

July 9-10

Volunteers to help from 11-2 p.m.

Call United Way, 763-4840 to help serve.
Profits go to the United Way.

2008/09 Board of Directors

Board President: Lisa DeKrey Tastefully Simple
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2008/09 Campaign Cabinet

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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
 Alexandria Family School
 Alexandria Literacy Project
 Alexandria Senior Center
 Boy Scouts
 Brandon, Evansville, Ashby ECFE
 Catholic Charities
 Club 1
 Douglas County Jail
 Elder Network
 Girl Scouts
 Lakes & Prairies Community Childcare Resource & Referral
 Lakes Area Recreation
 Legal Services of NW Minnesota
 Lutheran Social Service

Minnewaska Area ECFE/School Readiness
 Miracle Horse Riders
 North Country Food Bank
 Pope County Family Collaborative
 Salvation Army
 School District #206
 Someplace Safe
 TePPAC (*Teen Pregnancy Prevention Action Council*)
 Teen Court
 UCAN (*United Communities Advocating Non-Violence*)
 The Village Family Service Center
 Windmill Project
 WINGS *Child Abuse, PLUS Kids, & Transitional Housing*

Young People's Place
 Youth as Resources

Community Impact Programs:

- Free Tax Clinics
- Coat Distribution
- Stuff the Bus (School Supplies)
- Back Pack Attack (Pilot program providing food for children over the weekend)
- Dolly Parton Imagination Library

Underneath everything we are,
Underneath everything we do.
We are all people.
Connected, interdependent, united.
And when we reach out a hand to one,
We influence the condition of all.
That's what it means to
LIVE UNITED.

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