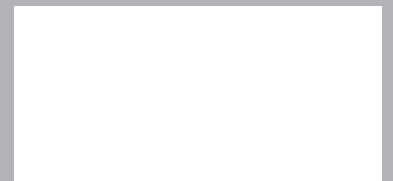


Annual Report

2008



*The impact
of giving to
United Way of Fort Smith Area*



Who We Are

United Way of Fort Smith Area serves six counties - four in Arkansas: Crawford, Franklin, Logan and Sebastian and two in Oklahoma: LeFlore and Sequoyah. Your contribution goes far, but never far away. Your contribution stays right here making life better for your friends, relatives, co-workers and maybe, even for you. United Way holds itself accountable for results. It partners with 33 agencies and programs that help people everyday. Right here in your backyard, United Way is changing the way - from quick fixes to real, lasting change. For example, learning starts long before school does, so we're working with partners to make learning a focus in the first few years. Giving parents tools to help children succeed in school and in life. That's change. That's United Way.

Vision

To be a community problem solver for our six-county area

Mission

To improve lives by connecting people and resources in our six-county area

GIVE

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”
Helen Keller

“A big **THANK YOU** to all of our United Way supporters for making the 2008 campaign successful in spite of the drab economic conditions we faced throughout the year. Together we raised in excess of \$2.2 million dollars to help fund our 33 community partners in six counties.

As I said many times during the campaign, no contribution is too small. The funds received by United Way go to advance the opportunities for a better life for everyone in our six-county area.

Special thanks to our Alexis de Tocqueville Society contributors and our Cornerstone and Pillars Club that continue to grow each year as well as the Women’s Leadership Circle and the Young Leadership Group.

While news of layoffs and downsizing was continuously in the paper, Rheem, Weldon, Williams & Lick, First National Bank of Fort Smith and Arvest Bank had record campaigns.

In the words of our mayor, ‘Life is worth living in Fort Smith’. I think we just proved that with the support the community gave to our 2008 campaign. Thank you.



SUSAN GROBMYER

2008 United Way Campaign Chair
Bank of the Ozarks

United Way campaign

United Way fund-raising efforts in 2008 fell significantly short of its goal. The harder the times, the more charity is needed; at the same time, the worse things are, the harder it is to give.

You might have given part of the amount United Way raised in what is surely

the least promising economic climate in years. No matter what you gave, you reached out and helped folks right here where you live. That's what it means to LIVE UNITED.

Allocated 2% to 62% of their budgets to 33 community partners and programs

2008-2009 Community Impact grants awarded

PAT Program

(Parents as Teachers)

Fort Smith Public Schools provides parent education through personal visits, group meetings, screening and a resource network to ensure kindergarten readiness for families living at 200% or less of the federal poverty level.

About 50% of kindergarten students entering Fort Smith Public Schools are not performing at grade level. These children are at greater risk for failure due to cultural and socio-economic factors. However, PAT students are entering kindergarten with the readiness skills they need to be successful.

PAT received \$35,000 for staff, materials and training. 35 families were served with the money.

Lincoln Childcare Center

Lincoln's Partnership Scholarship Program provides financial assistance for childcare for young children of economically disadvantaged, home-

less, or non-English speaking families who are ineligible for DHS or other state or federal assistance.

Families receiving these scholarships are required to pay a portion of the childcare cost. The children are expected to maintain an 85% attendance rate and be in attendance from 8:30 am – 2:30 pm. This increases the students' opportunity to enter kindergarten prepared.

Lincoln Childcare received \$13,500 to fund four scholarships with parents paying 20% of the total.

Single Parent Scholarship Fund

SPSF provides supplemental financial assistance and mentoring to single parents who are pursuing higher education in order to improve their income earning potential.

The most effective way to move single parents off government-assisted living is to enable them to obtain an education that can move them into jobs that will sustain their families. Scholarships for the recipients are used for their most pressing

needs, allowing them to stay in school, enabling them to be independent and provide for their families upon graduation.

SPSF received \$5,000 to expand the number of scholarships awarded. The funds were matched by Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund.


CSCDC - IDA Program

The IDA program helps to build financial independence and self-sufficiency by providing financial management classes, credit counseling and enrollment in the IDA matched savings program.

Qualified participants live under 200% poverty level and use their savings as well as the matched savings towards homeownership or post secondary education. Ninety percent of the participants improved their living conditions as a result of this program.

IDA program was awarded \$10,000 for matched savings for homeownership and education.

United Way of Fort Smith Area




HOW TO GIVE UNITED.

INVEST IN THE BUILDING BLOCKS FOR A GOOD LIFE: EDUCATION, INCOME & HEALTH.

INFLUENCE THE CONDITION OF ALL

LIVE UNITED™



Want to make a difference? United Way is creating, lasting change, by focusing on education, income and health. That's what it means to Live United. UNITEDWAYFORTSMITH.ORG.

ADVOCATE

“*You must be the change you wish to see in the world.*”

Mahatma Gandhi

“This year has seen many changes in our area and here at our United Way. Long time Executive Director Angela Tilley decided to devote more time to her two wonderful little girls and resigned this year. While she is truly missed, her work will be seen for years to come in our communities.

In July of 2008 I accepted the position of Executive Director. It has been almost a year since then, and I must say it has been exciting. Many things have impressed me about United Way over the past year, but most of all I am impressed by the passion and commitment of our stakeholders. Now you are probably wondering just exactly what a stakeholder in United Way is? If you're reading this, you're probably a stakeholder. You are someone who donates of themselves to United Way. Some stakeholders donate through volunteering, some through financial avenues, and others with in-kind contributions. Regardless of how someone donates to United Way, you are all stakeholders and looking to have a positive impact within our communities.

It has been an eye-opening experience to realize just how many people are actively involved in United Way as stakeholders. Many, many people devote so much of themselves and their resources and do so with the expectation of nothing in return except knowing they have made things better in our communities. And that type of positive selfless attitude is what makes our communities so strong. And what makes it a pleasure for me to serve our communities through your United Way.

To each and every stakeholder, THANK YOU, for your faith in us and our mission of making a positive impact in our communities.”



TOM MINTON

Executive Director

United Way of Fort Smith Area

United Way begins partnership with Boys and Girls Club of the Alma Area

United Way has a new partner in Crawford County with the Boys and Girls Club of the Alma Area.

“United Way is proud to assist Boys and Girls Club of the Alma Area,” says Larry Bates, United Way Board Chairman. “It was not a tough decision to include the club. They are certainly deserving and we know they will use the money wisely.”

During 2008’s allocation process, the club was accepted as a year-round participating agency. The first year’s allocation to the organization was \$40,000. This allocation will be used to support the organization’s programs that include a teen program, art & education, social programs and athletics.

“These programs are at the core to help youth reach their full potential as responsible caring adults,” said Zach Dean, Boys and Girls Club of Alma Executive Director. “Since opening the club’s doors in 2006, we have served more than 1,700 members and had outreach to more than 6,000 youth in our area. We look forward to a strong relationship with United Way and appreciate this opportunity to be a United Way community partner.”

Arkansas 2-1-1 is up and running

Arkansas became the 17th state to introduce the state-wide 2-1-1 system on May 7. Arkansas Governor Mike Beebe placed the first call with the new 2-1-1 information and referral system at a press conference at the State Capitol. The system was introduced to northwest Arkansas May 8. Representatives from United Way and Arkansas Public Service Commission held a news conference held at the United Way office in Lowell.

2-1-1 is a free, easy-to-remember number that connects residents with important community services and volunteer opportunities. Individuals



Nathan Cook, Arkansas 2-1-1 Executive Director, helps launch 2-1-1 information and referral line.

and families seeking social services can call 2-1-1, a nationally recognizable number that makes a critical connection between callers and the appropriate community-based organizations and government agencies, and get the help they need.



United Way participates in Arkansas Children’s Week

On Sunday, March 13, United Way staff and volunteers participated in the kick-off of Arkansas Children’s Week. The week provided free family activities that encouraged family fun and learning.

United Way participated in the opening event at the Janet Huckabee Nature Center by showcasing Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library. This is a free program provided by United Way’s Women’s Leadership Circle that mails

a free age-appropriate book monthly to children ages birth to their fifth birthday.

United Way staff also distributed kindergarten readiness bags that were developed in cooperation with the local Parents As Teachers Program.

United Way enrolled more than 30 children in the Imagination Library program and distributed more than 150 kindergarten readiness bags to families attending the event.

familywise prescription discount cards lower drug cost

United Way distributed free Family Wise prescription drug discount cards to help people in the six-county area lower the cost of their medicine. The cards are primarily for people with no health insurance or prescription coverage. However, they can also be used when people have to

buy medicine not covered by their health insurance, Medicaid, Medicare or VA benefits.

In 2008 Family Wise cards saved \$41,505 on the 2,361 prescriptions filled in Crawford, Franklin, Logan and Sebastian counties in Arkansas and LeFlore county in Oklahoma.

VOLUNTEER

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world: Indeed it's the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead

“Day of Caring, Power of the Purse, Casino Night, Stuff the Bus, Allocation Panels, Loaned Executives, Campaign workers, Board Members, Agency Volunteers the list goes on and on. United Way prospers because of volunteers.

2008 may be remembered by many as a year of great economic suffering. As United Way Board Chairman, I will remember 2008 as a year for record giving of time and talent. People who volunteer for United Way do it for the right reason, to help make a difference in someone's life.

This year we celebrated a volunteer with the first ever Thomas P. Foltz, Jr. Award in recognition of Tom's service to United Way and our community. In years to come we will recognize other special people who have given exceptional effort to help the less fortunate with this award. People who volunteer for United Way make friends and business acquaintances for life.

No one can give a bigger gift than to volunteer to help others.”

LIVE UNITED... Volunteer



LARRY BATES

2008 United Way Board Chairman
Simmons First National Bank

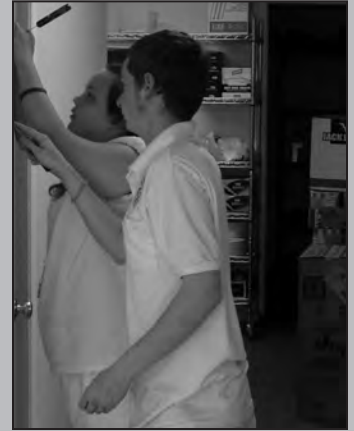
15th Annual Day of Caring draws 775 volunteers

On Thursday, April 17, United Way of Fort Smith Area hosted its 15th Annual Day of Caring with a kick-off breakfast at Golden Corral. This community-wide event gave individuals and company employees a chance to “adopt” volunteer projects at non-profit organizations, cities and schools in Fort Smith and surrounding areas. In addition to completing much needed work, volunteers were able to see firsthand how their United Way contributions make an impact on the community.

This year, more than 775 volunteers completed 55 projects. Three hundred and twenty-one Booneville High School students conducted a city wide clean up to beautify the community.

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On Saturday, April 19, 250 volunteers from Harvest Time volunteered for The ARC for the River Valley's Annual Fishing Derby at Carol Ann Cross Park and for projects at St. Scholastica.



Day of Caring volunteers paint a wall.

NALC Food Drive provides 31,700 pounds of food

The National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive held Saturday, May 10, celebrated the collaborative efforts of residents in Alma, Barling, Fort Smith, Greenwood, Huntington, Lavaca, Mansfield, Mountainburg and Van Buren who donated more than 31,800 pounds of non-perishable food to support local food pantries.

31,846 pounds of food donated to food pantries.

NALC Branch #399 sponsored the drive as well as the local letter carriers picking up the food as they delivered mail. Others who helped the successful drive were pantry volunteers, Kraft/Planters, area Wal-Mart Stores, Wal-Mart Distribution Center, Fort Smith Public Schools, Abilities Unlimited and Community Services Clearinghouse.



Stuff the Bus volunteers received items from Wal-Mart shoppers, listed the items and stuffed the school buses.



Letter carriers and volunteers worked side-by-side to unload food items collected May 10.

Giving guide provides ways to volunteer during the holiday season

The holiday season is a time for giving and for the past five years, United Way has published a *Holiday Giving Guide*. The guide made it easy for people to know how to get involved with a listing from 50 non-profit

organizations with ways to help. It was distributed to more than 2,000 United Way donors, companies and area churches and posted on the United Way website.

Guide makes “giving back” as easy as possible.



Many children look forward to arriving on the first day of school with new notebooks, backpacks and pencil boxes. But it's a different story for children whose families can not afford these items.

On July 25-26, United Way asked you to help them fill a bus with school supplies to be donated to at-risk children in the six-county area. Thirteen Wal-Mart stores and Sam's Club hosted the event.

More than 250 volunteers collected almost 33,000 packages of school supplies.

The response was that almost 33,000 packages of school supplies were collected and given to 23 school districts in the region and four partner agencies.

Not only do the donated supplies help children with their studies, having a new backpack or notebook can really help raise their self-esteem.



Imagination Library continues to grow

In 2005 United Way's Board voted to allow the Women's Leadership Circle to allocate ten percent of all the WLC members donate to United Way to an impact fund they manage. The WLC members chose to partner with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library bringing the program to Fort Smith. In addition, WLC hosts Power of the Purse with all proceeds going to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

Since then, Imagination Library has grown to include children in four counties; Crawford, Franklin, Logan and Sebastian. There are more than 2,000 children currently receiving books every month.

In 2008 United Way of Fort Smith Area was awarded a \$15,000 grant by the Fiori Family Foundation.

United Way was also presented a \$5,000 check from the proceeds of the 31st Annual Fort Smith Oilmen's Golf Tournament Thursday, Sept. 17.

Power of the Purse raises more than \$13,000 to provide books for pre-school children

Power of the Purse brought together almost 400 women from all over the area to chat, enjoy lunch, hear a great speaker - Ronda Rich - and bid on a myriad of purses.

More than 50 individual purses and 35 theme purses were offered at a silent auction with more than \$13,000 benefiting United Way's early literacy initiative, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

"The event is a unique approach to fund-raising," said Linda Kaufenberg, Director of Women's Leadership Circle. "Power of the Purse is suited to the mission of the Women's Leadership Circle because it harnesses the power and potential of women to permanently change the future by building libraries, vocabularies and kindergarten readiness for pre-schoolers.

Sponsors and members of the committee were invited to a pre-party at the home of Linda and Buddy Spradlin. They enjoyed heavy hors d'oeuvres, visiting with speaker

The third Annual Casino Night, March 1, at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Altus raised \$3,500 for Imagination Library in Franklin County.



Imagination Library provides books to children from birth to their fifth birthday. Every child enrolled receives a hardback, age-appropriate book each month mailed to their home. The first book children receive is the ever-popular *The Little Engine that Could*.



Top: Ronda Rich and Jane Sanders pose for a photo while at a pre-party in the home of Linda and Buddy Spradlin. Left: Susan Grobmyer and Ronda Rich smile at Power of the Purse. Right: Looking at purses during the silent auction at Power of the Purse. Ronda Rich and touring the ranch.

Sponsors of the event were: Premier Sponsor - Bank of the Ozarks and Supporting Sponsors - ACC Management, Alpha Packaging, Beall Barclay and Associates and Riverside Furniture.



2008

Women's Leadership Circle Advisory Board Members

- Kathy Babb
Community Volunteer
- Dr. Jo Blondin
Arkansas Tech University, Ozark Campus
- Charlene Cates
HealthSouth
- Ann Dawson
Community Volunteer
- Ann Filyaw
Community Volunteer
- Susan Grobmyer
Bank of the Ozarks
- Jackie Krutsch
Van Buren Chamber of Commerce
- Kay Oliver
Farmer's Bank
- Donnie Pendergraft
Community Volunteer
- Dr. Sandi Sanders
U. S. Marshal's Museum
- Beth Stephens
Community Volunteer

Power of the Purse Committee

- Kathy Babb, Cindy Bagby, Janice Beran, Charlene Cates, Faye Dancer, Ann Dawson, Ann Filyaw, Susan Fiori, Catherine Gaines, Susan Grobmyer, Barbara Hanna, Liza Holman, Jackie Krutsch, Mary Lynn Lawler, Kate Maurras, Jeri Maurras, Suzanne McCord, Kay Oliver, Kathy Ostrander, Marcie Salamone, Jane Sanders, Dr. Sandi Sanders, Linda Schmidt, Karen Slagle, Linda Spradlin, Beth Stephens, Freddia Sullivent, Shirley Walters, Cathy Williams, Alice Wood and Brenda Woodrell.

Leadership Givers

At United Way of Fort Smith Area, we believe that our success begins with those who set high standards of giving, and we value the dedication to helping people in need and building a better community.

“United Way believes in finding lasting solutions to problems in our six-county area. By focusing on the areas of education, income and health, they are giving people

access to the building blocks that lead to a good life,” said Sam T. Sicard, Chairman Cornerstone Committee. “However, United Way can’t do it alone. We all have a stake in the change United Way is trying to create. I’m a leadership giver because I believe that by contributing what we can and working together, we will create a better community.”

“As soon as individuals with a cause found one another out, they combine. From that moment, they are no longer isolated people, but a power seen from afar, whose actions serve for an example and whose language is listened to.”

Alexis de Tocqueville
19th Century reformer
commenting on
American volunteerism
and philanthropy

Alexis de Tocqueville Society

\$10,000 and above
2 Members

Cornerstone Club

\$2,500 - \$9,999
56 Members

Pillars Club

\$1,000 - \$2,499
168 Members

Women’s Leadership Circle

Women who give an annual investment of \$1,000 or more to United Way or couples who contribute an annual investment of \$1,500 or more
144 Members

Young Leadership Group

Individuals or couples age 45 or younger who contribute a combined annual contribution of \$300 or more to United Way
203 Members

Loyalty Donors

Long-time donors to United Way, regardless of the amount
269 Members

Cornerstone Committee

- Sam T. Sicard, Co-Chair
First National Bank of Fort Smith
- Susan Grobmyer, Co-Chair
Bank of the Ozarks
- Members
- Kevin Bell
Citizens Bank & Trust
- Charles Blaschke
First National Bank of Fort Smith
- Jan Burd
First National Bank of Fort Smith
- Ann Dawson
Community Volunteer
- Walter Echols
ABF Freight System, Inc.
- Tom Foltz
JMR/PFP Insurance
- Charles Logan
First National Bank of Fort Smith
- Hugh Maurras
TJ Smith Box Company
- Beth Stephens
Community Volunteer

2008 Young Leadership Group Committee

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| <i>Chairman</i> | Kevin Chaloupecky |
| Lance McReynolds | Katie LeJong |
| <i>Members</i> | Tina Murray |
| Brad Arterbury | Robyn Oxford |
| Cindy Barker | Shannon Roman |
| Courtney Beland | Takeo Suzuki |
| Sheryl Bell | |



As part of Young Leadership Group’s Educational Round-table Series, members enjoyed lunch at Hanna Oil & Gas while listening to Bill Hanna, President of Hanna Oil & Gas - America & Canada.



Hana Suzuki, 20 months, came as a bumblebee to YLG’s annual Falloween event. Her parents, Takeo and Antonela Suzuki are active members of the Young Leadership Group.

Thanks to our volunteers ...

United Way is a volunteer-driven organization representing our entire region. From the board of directors to fund-raising volunteers and the hundreds of others who lend a hand each year, volunteer leaders ensure United Way continues to help with the most pressing needs in the six-county area we serve.



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Vice Chairman

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Fort Smith Public Schools

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Sparks Health System

Dr. Sandi Sanders

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Tracey Geren

Weldon, Williams & Lick

Walton Maurras

Smith, Maurras, Cohen, Redd and Horan

Keith Nix

Kraft/Planters

Sam Sicard

First National Bank & Trust

Robert A. Young III

Arkansas Best Corporation

Walter Echols

Past Chairman of the Board

2008 Campaign Leadership

Senior Loaned Executives

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of Fort Smith

Dr. Jo Alice Blondin

Arkansas Tech University

—Ozark Campus

Melissa Clubb

First National Bank

of Fort Smith

Carmon D'Amico

First National Bank

of Fort Smith

Amanda Daniels

Arvest Bank

Philip Doss

BancorpSouth

Robert Herrera

First Western Bank

Lance Lanier

Citizens Bank & Trust

Clay McKinney

Simmons First National Bank

Dr. Barry Owen

Fort Smith Public Schools

Jaci Pitts

National Bank of Sallisaw

Scott Shortes

Bank of the Ozarks

Rodney West

Arvest Bank

Donna Woods

First National Bank

of Fort Smith

Loaned Executives

Buddy Acoach

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Brent Lacefield

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Becky Lee

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Connie Lewis

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Eddie Melton

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Joe Mendoza

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Chris Moore

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Michelle Moran

Bank of the Ozarks

Paula Morton

Citizens Bank & Trust

Gary Newton

Bank of the Ozarks

Rita Nickols

BancorpSouth

Kay Oliver

Farmers Bank

Leslie Oliver

Community National Bank

Chip Paris

Williams-Crawford

Cynthia Pegues

Arvest Bank

Carolyn Prevatte

Arvest Bank

Jill Rothwell

BancorpSouth

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Sam Terry

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ATU—Ozark Campus

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First National Bank

of Fort Smith

Tony Wilson

Arkansas Valley Electric

Karen Wuthrich

BancorpSouth

2008 Allocation Volunteers

Chaired and co-chaired by United Way Board Members.

Additional Members:

Peggy Adair, Sheryl Bell, Greg Bigham, David Burton, Steve Cox, James Crabtree, Randy Davis, Trey Gage, Catherine Gaines, Keith Hefner, Gary Hunt, Dr. Peter Irwin, Cynthia Kruitof, Bill Lintz, Kathy Long, Tracy Long, Hector Mendoza, Tina Murray, Ron Novak, Matt Pitsch, Mike Rogers, Rhonda Russell, Bill Senneff, Rodney Shepard, Bruce Sikes, Michelle Smith, Linda Spradlin, Travis Stephens, Mary Lynn Stevenson, Sam Terry, Dr. Rebecca Timmons, Lynn Vann, Peggy Walter, Pat Williams, Tina Wilkinson and Alice Wood.

2008-2009 business awards

Each year United Way of Fort Smith Area thanks the hundreds of volunteers and companies for their support. As an individual, you made a difference. As a community, we can inspire hope and create opportunities for a better tomorrow.

These companies were recognized for their outstanding efforts at the Campaign Wrap-up in December.

Leader's Award

Rheem Air Conditioning Division

Chairman's Award

Arvest Bank

Most Resourceful Campaign

Experian

Spirit of Community Award

KWHN, Rivertowne BBQ, Times Record

Back on Board Award

Owens Corning

Division

Based on community outreach, participation and giving

Car Dealership Campaign

Edwards Auto Sales

Corporate

Hanna Oil & Gas, Arkansas Best Corporation

Crawford County

Citizens Bank & Trust

Education

Fort Smith Public Schools, Greenwood Public Schools

Finance and Banking

First National Bank of Fort Smith

Franklin County

Arkansas Tech University-Ozark Campus,

Greenwood

Bank of the Ozarks-Ozark SWEPCO/AEP

Logan County

First National Bank at Paris & BHDC

Manufacturing

Weldon, Williams & Lick

Professional

Beall Barclay & Associates, PFP/JMR Insurance

Retail

JCPenney

Sequoyah County

UPS-Sallisaw

Tom Minton, Executive Director, gives the Chairman's Award to Steve Griffin, Arvest Bank.



Rheem receives the Leader's award from Susan Grobmyer, 2008 Campaign Chair.



Foltz award established

In 2008, United Way established the Thomas P. Foltz, Jr. Award named after Foltz, an insurance agent at JMR/PFP Insurance. The award recognizes people who play a key role in United Way's campaigns and donate their time through the years.



Janie and Tom Foltz

"Tom Foltz has a family with a long history of caring for those in the community," said Tom Minton, United Way Executive Director.

In 1930, Foltz's great-uncle, the late Allan Kennedy, was named the first chairman of Community Chest, which later became United Way.

- ❑ Foltz served United Way as Board Chairman in 1960 and board member for several years.
- ❑ 2004 Campaign Chairman raising \$2,551,385.

- ❑ Day of Caring volunteer and former Day of Caring Chairman.

- ❑ Professional Division Chairman for several years.

In presenting, Minton explained that the Thomas P. Foltz, Jr. Award was to be given as needed to those in the future who demonstrated the same spirit as Foltz in dedicating their time and efforts to United Way of Fort Smith Area.

Top Campaigns

Based on overall giving and listed in order of campaign totals:

Arkansas Best Corporation
Whirlpool Corporation
Weldon, Williams & Lick
Rheem Manufacturing,
Air Conditioning Division

Arvest Bank
Baldor Electric Company
First National Bank
of Fort Smith
Golden Living
Sparks Health System
Fort Smith Public Schools

St. Edward Mercy
Medical Center
Trane Custom/Aire System
BancorpSouth
Cooper Clinic
Stephens Production
The Trane Company
U of A - Fort Smith

Georgia Pacific
Kraft/Planters
Citizens Bank & Trust
Simmons First
National Bank
Experian
Hanna Oil & Gas
Pernod Ricard USA

Your United Way 2008 dollars at work

	Allocation	% of budget
Abilities Unlimited	\$50,000	3%
The ARC for the River Valley	\$37,000	50%
Boy Scouts, Westark Area Council	\$68,000	6%
Boys & Girls Club of the Alma Area	\$30,000	9%
Boys & Girls Club of Paris	\$25,000	17%
Boys & Girls Club of Sequoyah County	\$30,000	6%
Boys & Girls Club of South Logan County	\$28,000	16%
Boys & Girls Club of Van Buren	\$67,500	24%
The Boys Shelter	\$54,000	32%
Center for Arkansas Legal Services	\$ 7,500	2%
Community Dental Clinic	\$46,500	62%
Community Services Clearinghouse	\$185,000	40%
Crisis Center for Women	\$95,000	11%
Fort Smith Boys & Girls Clubs	\$220,000	23%
Fountain of Youth Adult Day Care	\$28,000	11%
Gateway House	\$54,000	7%
Girl Scout Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas	\$65,000	9%
Girls Incorporated	\$129,000	28%
Girls Shelter of Fort Smith	\$37,000	24%
Golden Rule Clothes Closet	\$19,500	32%
Harbor House	\$56,250	5%
Lincoln Childcare Center	\$100,000	14%
Literacy Council of Western Arkansas	\$30,000	20%
Next Step Day Room	\$50,000	10%
Ozark Area Youth Organization	\$35,000	32%
Project Compassion	\$18,000	15%
River Valley Regional Foodbank	\$49,000	8%
Salvation Army	\$15,750	2%
Sebastian County Boys & Girls Club	\$55,000	22%
Sebastian Retired Citizens Association	\$28,000	2%
Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Crawford and Sebastian Counties	\$15,000	11%
Stepping Stone School	\$10,000	>1%
Suburban League	\$ 9,000	45%
United Way Service Center	\$231,837	
United Way Service Center Program Initiatives (DOC, Stuff the Bus, IL)	\$15,937	
Shrinkage	\$220,000	
Grand Total	\$2,214,774	

2008 Community Impact Grants

The Community Impact Grant process allows United Way funds to be awarded to programs that positively impact the issues that matter most to the community.

- PAT Program (Parents as Teachers) \$35,000
- Lincoln Childcare Center \$13,500
- Single Parent Scholarship Fund \$5,000
- The Homeownership and Asset Development Center, CSCDC, IDA \$10,000 (with a restriction to fund only education and home ownership)
- Arkansas 2-1-1 \$25,000

Community Impact Grant committee members were: Steve Griffin, Chair; Tom Minton, Executive Director; community volunteers Kathy Ostrander, Sandra Lockhart and Rusty Myers; and board members, Kevin Bell, Gordon Floyd, Kathy Babb and Larry Bates.

United Way helps after Cargill tragedy

United Way immediately responded to the tragic burning of Booneville's Cargill plant by allocating \$24,000 from the Response Fund to the Booneville community.

In addition, United Way established a Booneville Disaster Fund to accept community donations, which amounted to \$8,870.

2008 In-Kind contributions

\$76,894

United Way Response Fund

The Response Fund works to meet emerging and emergency community needs.

Last year's recipients were:

Abilities Unlimited	\$6,000	<i>Buy appliances for new building</i>
Community Services Clearinghouse	\$2,532	<i>Storm damage to building</i>
Community Services Clearinghouse	\$8,000	<i>Air condition warehouse</i>

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