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United Way Day of Caring scheduled in Ozark

March 28, 2007 FORT SMITH, AR) — On **Thursday, April 19**, the United Way of Fort Smith Area will host the 14th Annual Day of Caring. This community-wide event gives individuals and company employees a chance to “adopt” volunteer projects at non-profit organizations. In addition to completing much needed work, volunteers get to see firsthand how their United Way contributions make an impact in Ozark. The Day of Caring has been moved this year from August to April during National Volunteer Week. The day will kick off with a breakfast at the Franklin County Fair Building (across from Ozark Area Youth Organization). Lunch will also be provided for volunteers.

“For years the Day of Caring was in August and the temperature was usually near the 100 degree mark. We are hoping the day will be much more comfortable for volunteers,” said Sarah Fowler, Resource Development Director, Outlying Area. “It also makes sense to have this huge volunteer event during National Volunteer Week. It’s a great way to give back to your community.”

Projects will be at Ozark Area Youth Organization from 8:45 am until 3:00 pm and Ozark Nursing Home through Project Compassion from 8:45 am until noon. Volunteers will conduct a variety of activities including general cleaning of the grounds, mowing and weed eating, treating the fence lines, checking the fencing and general dirt work at OAYO. Volunteers at Ozark Nursing Home will conduct one-to-one visits, play games such as checkers or dominoes, card games, or share any musical talent. Pets are permitted if they are friendly, free of pests and current on vaccinations.

“By participating in the Day of Caring, you will spend time volunteering and see firsthand how your United Way donation provides solutions for people and improves our community,” said Fowler. “A new feature this year is the ability to register online at www.unitedwayfortsmith.org.”

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