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United Way Day of Caring scheduled in Van Buren

(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 Van Buren. The Day of Caring has been moved this year from August to April during National Volunteer Week. Kick-off activities are scheduled for the Riverfront Park in Fort Smith at 7:30 am and lunch will be served at participating locations.

“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 the Abilities Unlimited of Fort Smith (Van Buren Store), Boys and Girls Club of Van Buren, Community Mentoring Program, Inc., Beverly Health and Rehabilitation, Brownwood Manor and Crawford Healthcare and Rehabilitation. Volunteers will conduct a variety of activities including assembling toy shelves, painting, filing, conducting one-to-one visits, playing games such as checkers or dominoes, card games, or sharing any musical talent

“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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