

OUR MISSION

To unite key community representatives to understand needs, secure resources, and strategically invest those resources to measurably impact the quality of peoples' lives.

OUR VISION

To serve as a unique leader in bringing together partners to create long-lasting improvements in the communities we serve. United Way will be recognized as an agent for change, creating opportunities that move individuals and families to self-sufficiency, while eliminating barriers for future generations.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Marsha Rinehart, Kokosing Construction Company
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Steve Oster, Knox County Board of Developmental Disabilities
Dave Pressler, D.D.S., Pressler and Carpenter Family Dentistry
Dan Shrimplin, community volunteer

2009 BOARD MEETINGS

- January 29, 4:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon Nazarene University
- February 17, 4 p.m. at United Way of Knox County
- April 21, 4 p.m. at United Way of Knox County
- June 16, 4 p.m. at United Way of Knox County
- August 18, 4 p.m. at Knox County Health Department
- October 20, 4 p.m. at Knox County Health Department
- December 15, 4 p.m. at Knox County Health Department

CAMPAIGN CABINET

Doug Leonard/Mark Leonard, Campaign Co-Chairs
Dave Humphrey/Rusty White, Centerburg Area
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Government Division
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Barbara Barry, Publicity
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*deceased

FUND DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

Dan Shrimplin, Chair	Trudy Singletary
Marty Trese	Michelle Hartman
Jan Thomas	Cindy Higgs

UNITED WAY'S WORK TOWARD ADVANCING THE COMMON GOOD

- ◆ Twenty-three Community Impact Panel volunteers interviewed and rated programs of 2010 prospective partner agencies; Fund Distribution Committee members recommended a 2010 investment of \$529,125 in 40 programs from 21 partner agencies.
- ◆ Seven United Way partner agencies received project assistance at their agency through coordination of 80 volunteers on Community Care Day.
- ◆ Four Challenge Grants were awarded, investing \$15,000 in new and expanded programs; financial stability in youth was targeted in the Financial Peace University Course coordinated by CenterPointe Church; early learning was promoted through support of YMCA's childcare; early learning was targeted by Knox County Head Start's Let's Get Ready event; and, financial stability was promoted for families through the "Keep the Change" program coordinated by Mental Health America of Knox County.
- ◆ A Born Learning Trail was established in Mount Vernon's Riverside Park, along with an early learning playground; \$19,046 was raised to complete this special Early Learning Initiative project.
- ◆ Day of Action 2009 was a free day of early learning activities that served 50 Knox County families as part of the Early Learning Initiative.
- ◆ Through funding from the Ohio Heritage Foundation's Rural Homeless Initiative of Southeastern and Central Ohio (RHISCO), five financial stability workshops were presented to 66 participants collectively; workshops focused on buying a car, first time home buyers, home weatherization, stretching grocery dollars, and inexpensive holiday gift giving.
- ◆ Area families saved \$63,069.82 with the FamilyWize Prescription Discount Card; pharmacies reported 5,728 claims, and an average savings of 27% off of \$220,771.38 in prescription costs, an average of \$10.88 per card use.
- ◆ Ninety community members participated in the "Responsibilities of Nonprofit Board Members" training by the Ohio Attorney General's Office.
- ◆ A Poverty Simulation was held for 50 area residents, social service workers, volunteers, school representatives and business representatives as part of United Way's Financial Stability Initiative.
- ◆ Area residents saved \$70,000 in tax preparer fees through United Way's free tax assistance program, enabling 355 households to file tax returns free of charge; 307 federal tax filers kept every dollar of the \$456,466 in refunds received; 37% of clients received the Earned Income Tax Credit.
- ◆ Conducted a Behavioral Health Task Force survey of area physicians to learn more about local mental health and addiction issues.
- ◆ Co-Hosted "Advancing the Common Good of Knox County through Simple Gifts™," featuring Dennis Embry, Ph.D., president of PAXIS Institute.
- ◆ Received \$7,355 from Ohio Children's Trust Fund Grant providing 11,000 Born Learning materials to parents and caregivers of infants and toddlers.
- ◆ Served as fiscal conduit for Knox County's Emergency Food and Shelter Program distributing \$33,217 in rent/mortgage assistance for 80 households, and \$5,000 in baby formula/diapers; distributed \$21,700 in ARRA funds for rent assistance for 55 households and \$1,615 for 34 nights of emergency shelter.
- ◆ Received AEP Ohio grant of \$5,905 for rent/mortgage assistance.
- ◆ Completed United Way Worldwide's Standard of Excellence Self-Assessment; survey data will guide planning for the next three years.
- ◆ Secured \$649,650 in pledges, 95.5% of the \$680,000 campaign goal as of 2/5/2010; with conservative projections of \$18,000 on accounts not yet reported, the campaign is on track to achieve at least 98% of the goal.