



United Way Happenings

SUMMER 2012

United Way of Charles County Awards \$75,100 Towards Critical Needs

The United Way of Charles County announces the award of \$75,100 to their partner agencies to be used as emergency funds for their clients critical needs. The money for the awards came from undesignated funds contributed by United Way of Charles County donors. Sixteen grant requests were received from 13 partner agencies totaling over \$103,000. In consideration of the intent of the funds and the guidelines defined to our partner agencies, the funds were allocated as follows:

Catherine Foundation was awarded \$5,000 to purchase car seats and cribs for babies in need. Catholic Charities was awarded \$10,000 to purchase and distribute food to community agencies working with vulnerable Charles County citizens. Charles County Children's Aid Society received \$5,000 for the purchase of school supplies and backpacks for needy children. Charles County Cooperative Ministry on Aging was granted \$1,000 to purchase shelf staple meals to supplement the needs of homebound senior citizens. Charles County Freedom Landing was awarded \$6,500 to assist agency consumers who are having difficulty paying for utilities, rent and/or food as well as dental assistance and purchase of furnishings. Charles County Literacy Council was awarded \$2,200 to provide books and instructional materials for tutors and

students. Greater Baden Medical Services received \$10,000 to purchase basic medical equipment for Greater Baden Medical Clinic on the Civista campus.

Health Partners was awarded \$10,000 to provide screening mammograms for uninsured and underinsured women in Charles County. The National Multiple Sclerosis Society received \$2,000 to assist families living with MS who are facing financial crisis. Point of Change Jail and Street Ministry was awarded \$2,500 to purchase computer equipment for use in classes given to those who are returning to the community. Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee was granted \$15,000 for three separate requests; 1 - to assist individuals enroll in Commercial Driving Training Class, 2 - to assist families in avoiding evictions or homelessness and 3 - assist with a portion of utility payments to avoid termination of service. The Promise Resource Center was awarded \$2,500 to provide families the materials, tools and education who are participating in NOVO and Tri-County Youth Services Bureau received \$3,400 to provide counseling and social skills for a group of children in need.

United Way of Charles County continues to reach out and assist the citizens of Charles County by Living United. Our sincerest appreciation and thanks to all the

donors who give to the United Way of Charles County. Your donations allow us to keep moving forward in helping others in need.



CCSO 2012 Bike Ride Was A Great Success!

The Charles County Sheriff's Office held its 3rd annual bike ride along the Indian Head Rail Trail on March 31st. With over 139 registered, there were casual and serious cyclists as well as rollerbladers this year. UWCC would like to publically thank the Charles County Sheriff's Office for continuing to help our community through their community outreach. We would also like to thank the Town of Indian Head for hosting this event each year and providing lunch for everyone who participated. For more information about the sheriff's office's community outreach efforts go to www.ccsso.us. Additional pictures of the event are available on our website www.unitedwaycharles.org.



Kevin Thompson with his daughter Emily, ride in this year's CCSO bike ride in Indian Head.



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United Way Continues To Make A Positive Difference in Charles County

2012 Golf Tournament



Mark MacFarland, Chairman of the Board for United Way of Charles County, kicks off this year's golf tournament at Swan Point Yacht & Country Club

United Way of Charles County's 15th Annual Golf Tournament was a great success, thanks to the generosity and the efforts of many.

Special thanks to the staff at beautiful Swan Point Yacht and Country Club for everything they have done year after year to make our tournaments among the most prestigious and popular of all the charity golf tournaments here in Charles County.

We would like to thank our GOLD Sponsors: Dash-In Food Stores, Inc. and Southern Maryland Oil. We also thank the SILVER Sponsors: Brookfield Homes, Facchina Construction, Greater Waldorf Jaycees Foundation, Southern Maryland Blue Crabs and the BRONZE Sponsors: Americast, Comcast Cable, Dewberry, Elm Street Development, Old Line Bank, PNC Bank, Sandy Excavating, Skanska/Facchina, SMECO, The Saint Charles Companies and Whitman Requardt & Associates, LLP.

A special thanks to Jim Ross and the LaPlata Safeway, Kathleen Young and Chick-fil-A of LaPlata, the Coca Cola Bottling Company of La Plata, Nabisco and Mimi's Cafe for providing delicious pre-tournament and on-course refreshments. We also want to thank the sponsors of our tee signs and the companies and individuals who contributed enough prizes for each of our teams to leave with a special token of appreciation. Finally, we want to thank all the volunteers who gave of their time to make sure the event was successful.

Charles County Women - United In Giving

The United Way of Charles County announces the award of \$25,491 to local non-profit agencies to provide physical and mental health services to uninsured and underinsured women and children of Charles County. The money for the awards was raised through United Way of Charles County's initiative, "*Charles County Women – United in Giving*".

Center for Children was awarded \$5,000 to provide therapeutic services to 20 uninsured mothers enrolled in the Healthy Families home visiting program.

Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program (Collaborative program of the CCPS and Health Department) will receive \$2,121 to provide funding for one Kidfit class and one music class for 8 weeks as well as one four-week class for children at risk for developmental delay.

Greater Baden Medical Services was granted \$5,760 to purchase an EKG machine for their new site on the Civista Campus and provide full work-ups for women in Charles County who are at great risk of cardiac disease.

Health Partners Clinic was awarded three separate grants totaling \$7,675. The first grant of \$3,000 will provide dental sealants to pediatric patients. The second grant, for \$3,675 will provide gynecological exams for uninsured and underinsured women of Charles County. An additional grant of \$1,000 was awarded to provide pharmacy assistance for women and children that are not able to afford their prescribed medications.

Finally, Walden Sierra was awarded \$4,935 to provide mental health assessments and counseling services, as well as psychiatric services to indigent and working underserved women in Charles County who do not already have PAC or other insurance.

Charles County Women – United in Giving was established in November 2004 under the leadership of United Way of Charles County Board member Marian Bruemmer and the Honorary Chairmanship of Past Board President Chris Stefanides. The women who form the steering committee give leadership level financial gifts to the initiative, and make the decisions on how the money will be spent. They agreed to use the money for grants that provide physical and mental health services to uninsured and underinsured women and children who live in Charles County. Since that first campaign, \$135,632 has been raised. A growing number of donors have elected to contribute to the initiative through payroll deduction at their workplaces. Gifts in any amount are welcomed.

We are proud of the accomplishments this initiative has been able to achieve in such a short time. We are equally proud of our 37 non-profit partner health and human service organizations. Every day, they serve not only women and children, but all citizens of Charles County.

Harvest For The Hungry

Maryland's 'Harvest for the Hungry' food drive in Charles County was able to provide the Southern Maryland Food Bank with hundreds of pounds of food this year.

The effort would not have been possible without the meaningful partnership of Safeway Food Stores and their customers, United Way of Charles County and the U.S. Postal Service.

Please continue to help those in need by supplying non-perishable food items to the Food Bank, local food pantries and churches in your area.

One Text Could Save You Up To 75%

United Way of Charles County is making it easier for everyone to get help, both online and off! Now, you can text the word 'family' to 700700 to possibly save up to 75% on the cost of your generic prescription medicine.

When you get a free FamilyWise Prescription Discount Card sent to your cell phone by Text, show the Text to your pharmacist and they will automatically apply the appropriate discount* to the cost of your medicine.

You can also get a free FamilyWise card with a click of a mouse at the new FamilyWise Facebook page or at our website www.UnitedWayCharles.org.

United Way of Charles County provides free FamilyWise prescription discount cards for everyone in our area and now, electronically as well. With members in our community having trouble buying their medicine, we're looking for all ways possible to make sure every person in our community gets the free help provided by these cards.

There are still more than 80 million people in the United States, in every community, large and small, that do not have health insurance or need help to buy prescription medicine not covered by their health plan. "Technology makes it possible for us to help a lot more people, much more quickly" said Dan Barnes, Chief Executive and Co-Chair of FamilyWise. "It's really incredible how cell phones, the Internet, Facebook and Twitter can make getting help so much easier and faster."

United Way of Charles County and FamilyWise have already saved people living and working in Charles County over \$1,089,000 on the cost of their medicine.

* Discounts vary depending on type of medication. To contact FamilyWise directly please call (800) 222-2818

28 Agencies Help Over 158 People at Resource Day!

The Charles County Homeless and Emergency Shelter Committee held its fourth Homeless Resource Day on May 9th. Health Partners Clinic in Waldorf hosted the event. United Way of Charles County would like to extend their gratitude to everyone who was involved.

There were 28 agencies available on site to assist each and every individual that came through as well as over 100 volunteer 'Navigators' who helped guide them through the services available.

United Way of Charles County was able to provide 'anytime meals' to those who came to the event. A free hot lunch was provided by Famous Dave's and an abundance of free gifts, food and clothing from the participating agencies was available.

Attendees were able to apply on site with Social Services for assistance programs. Of the many services received, agencies reported that 17 Vaccinations were given, 15 birth certificates were provided, prostate screening appointments were set up, 76 people received clothing, 32 dental screenings and follow up visits were scheduled and 16 clinical breast exams were received.

The committee is determined to make a difference in this county and to continue reaching out to the less fortunate residents in Charles County. The next Homeless Resource Day will take place in October. Details will be available in September.

For those who are interested in more information about the event or who would like to volunteer, call (301) 609-4844.



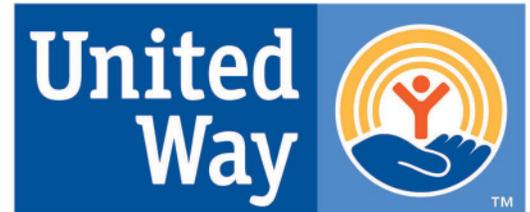
Senator Middleton greets volunteers at Homeless Resource Day. (Pic.L-R) Alex Echeverria, Senator Mac Middleton, Kit Wright and Judy Burroughs



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United Way of Charles County needs YOU to help make a change! Did you know that your contribution WILL help others in your community? Every dollar makes a difference! If every one combines their efforts, we could CHANGE Charles County by working to end homelessness, hunger and assist those who need a helping hand. Call us (301) 609-4844 and we will let you know how you and/or your company can help. The 2012 Campaign will be kicking off soon..

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Day of Caring

Homeless Resource Day

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