



Davie County United Way Allocations Process Complete

On January 21, 2005, the Davie County United Way (DCUW) office accepted applications from twenty-two nonprofit organizations requesting a portion of the \$247,400 to be granted in 2005. Applications were reviewed by DCUW staff for completeness and accuracy prior to being submitted to the Allocations Committee for review.

The 2005 Allocations Committee consisted of 50% DCUW board members and 50% community volunteers. This group of committed people had the arduous task of determining which programs best meet the needs of Davie County residents. Upon that determination, funding recommendations were made to the DCUW Board of Directors, who gave the final vote on the financial support given these programs.

Allocation Committee members were required to attend training, which was held the second week of February. Allocation Panel Members visited their assigned agencies to see, in action, the program for which funding was requested. In early March, each agency was requested to present their case to the entire Allocation Panel who also reviewed their

entire application.

Final funding recommendations were then compiled and given to the Allocations Chairperson for presentation to the entire Board of Directors at its meeting in late March. First payments to recipient agencies for qualifying programs will be April 15, 2005.

DCUW utilizes community volunteers in its allocation process in order to be good stewards of the money we raise. The staff and Board of Directors takes seriously the trust that is placed in us by our donors. That trust allows us to utilize their donations to make the greatest impact on improving the lives of Davie County citizens.

The 2005 Allocations Committee included: Neal Smith as Chairman with the County of Davie; Alan Hyland with the Davie County Public Schools; Van Lankford representing the Faith Community in our county; Robby Dilmore from Westside Chrysler; Steve Tuch with Kaydon Corporation; Alyssia Cudd with Horn's Country Kitchen; Kim

Harris with the County of Davie; Gaither Markland representing the residents of Davie County; Vickie Blackwelder with Wal-Mart; Wendy Horne with the Davie County Public Schools; Greta Nixon with the Bank of the Carolinas; Bob Corson with the Davie County Enterprise Record; and Linda Pate representing the Davie County Hospital.

DCUW is fortunate to have a wide representation of our community present on our Allocations Committee.

Thirty-eight programs were funded in the 2005 cycle and will be facilitated by these non-profit Agencies: American Red Cross, Appropriate Punishment Options, The Arc of Davie, Big Brothers Big Sisters Services, Boy Scouts, Cancer Services, The Children's Center for the Physically Disabled, Consumer Credit Counseling Services, 4-H, the Davie County Group Home, the Davie Family YMCA, Department of Social Services, Family Services, Girl Scouts, Hospice of Davie County, Partnership for a Drug Free North Carolina, RSVP, The Salvation Army, and the Davie County United Way.

A complete list of the 38 funded programs including descriptions is available at the Davie County United Way office or by emailing davieunitedway@mocksville.com.

I Wish Upon a Star



The Davie County United Way office was established in 1991 in the Brock Center on Main Street. Over the past 14 years, operations have continued to grow but facilities and equipment have remained stagnant.

Now, with a functioning, full-time staff, DCUW is in need of some replacement furniture and equipment. That is why in this issue of our newsletter, we have initiated our Wish List. The following items are needed in the DCUW office:

- Phone system (4 lines)
- Office furniture (primarily desks and cubicles)
- Storage space for goal thermometers
- Monetary sponsors for printing, postage and other office supplies
- Volunteer talents in the area of Web design and hosting.

If you or someone you know can help in any of these areas, please contact the DCUW office today!

Home Loss Prevention Program (HeLP)

The Davie County United Way (DCUW) is pleased to announce the renewal of its Mortgage Assistance Program. With new restrictions, qualifications and collaborations in place, DCUW feels that this program, now known as the Home Loss Prevention Program (HeLP) is better than ever!

HeLP was instituted to provide mortgage or rent relief during times of temporary need due to emergency situations such as medical problems, recent unemployment, or natural disaster. Because of the qualification criteria, this program is designed to encourage and facilitate recipients to return to self-sufficiency.

HeLP is a collaboration with the Davie County Department of Social Services (DSS), Consumer Credit Counseling Services, Inc. (CCCS) and DCUW. DSS provides the intake and screening of applicants and DCUW provides the financial aid necessary. DCUW requires that all recipients be referred to CCCS for credit counseling.

To qualify for assistance, applicants must meet certain criteria that includes standard DSS requirements used when screening applicants for any emergency/energy assistance as well as additional criteria included by DCUW. The following are requirements for assistance:

1. The applicant's situation must be imminent/a crisis.
2. The applicant must have the ability to maintain any future mortgage or rent payments due.
3. The applicant's explanation of how/

- why they are behind must be reasonable.
4. The applicant must be willing to give back to the community. DCUW requires that recipients agree to donate 12 hours of volunteer time to be completed in one year.
5. The applicant must agree to attend one session with Consumer Credit Counseling Services, Inc. Fees for CCCS are very reasonable and the first session may be supplemented by DCUW on a case-by-case basis.

Due to a depletion of funds in 2004 and in an effort to evenly distribute funding throughout the entire year, DCUW has added funding restrictions to the program. Assistance limits are currently in place quarterly with a larger amount of aid available in the first and final quarters of the year to "fill the gap" when other agencies funds have dissipated. Of the \$15,000 dedicated to this program, \$4,500 is reserved for the first and final quarters of the year and \$3,000 is allocated to the second and third quarters.

Each family may apply for assistance once per year. In that time period, assistance will be limited to one monthly payment to a maximum of \$1,000.00.

The DCUW Home Loss Prevention Program is about more than providing shelter, it provides hope to families who are working diligently to regain their self-sufficiency and often times with it, their self-respect.

At the time of the recipient's intake interview with DSS, they will be asked to complete a contact information and agreement

form. This form requests general information such as name, address, phone number and email address. The form also serves as an agreement where the recipient indicates, by signature, his or her willingness to complete the volunteer and credit counseling requirements.

Using the information provided on this sheet, DCUW staff will complete follow-up calls to each recipient to inquire of their current circumstances and to inform them of the many opportunities available for them to complete their volunteer service requirement. Follow-up calls will begin within two weeks of the applicant receiving assistance and will continue quarterly for one year.

From these follow-up calls DCUW will determine the percentage of families who have returned to self-sufficiency through the maintenance of valid employment and no recurring need for mortgage or rent assistance. Success will be indicated if this percentage is above 90, if 90% of all recipients hold their credit counseling session and if 50% of all recipients complete their volunteer service hours.

Community Care Fund

The Davie County United Way Community Care Fund allows DCUW to provide programs such as the HeLP program described in the article above, Day of Caring and United Way Call 2-1-1 Services. When you give to the *Community Care Fund*, you are also supporting programs facilitated by United Way agencies who are making important differences in this community. The real STRENGTH of United Way is our ability to utilize your investment where it will make the greatest impact...in other words, "more BANG for your buck."

The next time you give to United Way, make the greatest difference, designate to the *Community Care Fund*.

Charities, United Jewish Communities, the National Council of Churches, The Salvation Army, United Way and FEMA will take applications for Davie County's local designation and, in May, will distribute local funds based on the application process.

DCUW Applies for EFSP Funding

On behalf of Davie County, DCUW has applied for a portion of the \$157,904 state set-aside funds available from the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board in 2005. Each state receives a discretionary amount to be awarded by a State Committee that parallels representation of the National and Local FEMA Boards.

The Set Aside Committee will consider funding for areas with high unemployment/ poverty levels that did not meet the

In 2004, Davie County was awarded \$10,245.00 in State Set-Aside funds which was and increase of over \$6,000.

National Board's minimum requirement, areas with targeted pockets of homelessness or poverty, areas experiencing negative economic changes such as plant closings, or areas with documented measures not reflected in unemployment and poverty data.

Notification of the award was announced in March. For 2005, Davie County received \$7,504.00. A local board representing American Red Cross, Catholic



CALL UNITED WAY 211

WE'LL HELP YOU FIND ANSWERS



From February 11, 2005—March 3, 2005, The Piedmont Triad United Way Services and its member United Ways ran a special promotional contest called "211 Reasons to Dial 211." The contest was designed as a fun way to make people aware of all the "solutions" available with just one call to 211.

During the contest, Triad businesses and non-profit organizations posted one or more of the 211 "Official Reasons." Random reasons also appeared on the Call

United Way 211 website: www.callunitedway211.org. Listeners of WKZL 107.5 or WQMG 97.1 heard the details of the contest. Stephen Matthis of Winston-Salem collected all 211 reasons and won an Apple iPod. Steve Wiles of Greensboro was the 2nd place winner and received a \$100 gift card to Lowe's Foods and the third prize, a family membership to the North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro, was presented to Lillias Crews of Greensboro. Here in Davie County,

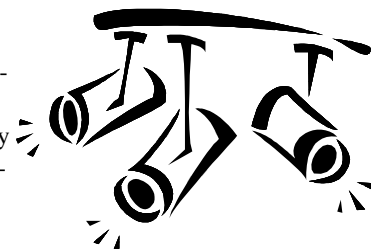
Regina Gaither of Advance won a membership to the Davie Family YMCA..

Call United Way 211 is the valuable information and referral service provided by the United Ways serving Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Guilford, Randolph and Rockingham Counties. By dialing just three digits (2-1-1), you can get help or give help at more than 6,000 health and human services in those counties. Cell phone users can dial 1-800-788-7232.

Agency Spotlight

Big Brothers Big Sister Services, Inc.

Since opening its Davie County office in 1999, Big Brothers Big Sisters Services has been a community leader in helping children develop and reach their full potential through the establishment of long-lasting mentoring relationships. (No other formal organization currently exists in Davie County that provides mentoring relationships for children.) During the past five years, Big Brothers Big Sisters Services has grown to serve more than 80 children through traditional Big Brother Big Sister community matches, the Big Buddy after-school program, the Lunch Buddy program in all six elementary schools, and activities that are both fun and educational for children on the waiting list for a Big Brother or Big Sister. The agency serves children of all races in single-parent families and those who live with a grandparent or other guardian. Children eligible for enrollment are girls ages 6-15 and boys ages 6-13 who reside in Davie Co. Located at 110 Depot Street in downtown Mocksville. P.O. Box 522, Mocksville, NC 27028. 336-751-9906. www.bbbsdaviecounty.org



American Red Cross

has partnered with Dr. William Price and Dr. Catherine Watkins of Winston-Salem based Altadonics to bring seniors in **Davie, Forsyth, Stokes and Yadkin** counties an exciting innovation within ARC's senior programming. Through **Denture For Life**, a senior, or a family member of a senior, can attend a class and make a mold of their

current, well fitting denture; have it professionally cleaned; labeled to protect it from loss and receive an oral cancer screening. The mold made will be stored in a vault at the Altadonics office and in the event of a lost or broken denture, it is used to make an exact replica. The new appliance will fit just like the old one! The cost of this denture molding process, the labeling, cleaning and the oral cancer evaluation is only \$120. This

is a small price to pay for the assurance of having your denture back, in a very short period of time, brand new but feeling just like the old one! In fact, it's priceless!

If a completely new denture is needed, participants pay \$570 for the denture and class with all it's benefits, which is a fraction of the price of an original Denture. For more information call Melinda at the American Red Cross 336-824-0511.

Davie Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis Center

Davie Domestic Violence Services & Rape Crisis Center with Northwest AHEC will host its 8th Annual Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Conference, "Domestic Violence and Stalking: and the Legal Process," on May 6, 2005 from 8:30 – 4:00 at the Bermuda Run Country Club. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served as part of the Conference.

Sabrina Garcia, the domestic violence assault coordinator for the Chapel Hill, North Carolina Police Department – Crisis Unit will share information about Domestic Violence and Stalking for the morning portion. The Honorable Judge Mary Covington, Assistant District Attorney Wendy Terry, and Attorney Robert Raisbeck will share information on the legal process in the afternoon.

This is a statewide conference held each year for domestic violence and sexual assault professionals and volunteers, psychologists, social service and mental health professionals, counselors, medical professionals, teachers, law enforcement officers, legal representatives, judges and students in training. Northwest AHEC, Wake Forest University School of Medicine and National Board of Certified Counselors offer contact hours and CEUs and continuing education credits are available for psychologists.

The cost of this event will be \$75.00. This includes both meals.

Mark your calendars now. This will be a great day. Programs will be in the mail soon. If you are interested and do not receive a program in the mail, please call DDVS/RCC, 751-3450.

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- Cancer Services, Inc.
- Consumer Credit Counseling Services
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- Emergency Relief Fund of Davie Co.
- Family Services
- Girl Scouts, Tarheel Triad Council
- Hospice of Davie County
- Partnership for a Drug Free NC
- Retired & Sr. Volunteer Program (RSVP)
- The Salvation Army