

By the Way,

 a newsletter for long-time friends of United Way

Spring 2011

Welcome New 2010 Crystal Circle Members

Len and Jeanne Archer
Tom and Sharon Armstrong
Ron and Pat Auxier
Chip Blair
Jeff and Jodi Bloemker
Charles and Ruth Ann Bruce
Matthew and Debbie Carver
Sujata DE Dunn

... continued on page 3

Success By 6® Works to Prepare Young Children for School Success

United Way Success By 6® is offering Kindergarten Jumpstart again this summer to families with children entering kindergarten this fall.

United Way Kindergarten Jumpstart invites selected families to participate and build their children's skills and confidence before they reach kindergarten.

Classes will be led by volunteer St. Joseph School District teachers and will provide parents with tools to teach their children kindergarten preparation skills in the weeks leading up to the first day of school. The program will be offered at various local library locations thanks to the generosity of St. Joseph Public Library and Rolling Hills Library.

United Way Kindergarten Jumpstart was developed in direct response to a community need.

... continued on page 2

Meet Campaign Chair Seth Wright

Seth Wright is the 2011 Campaign Chairman for United Way of Greater St. Joseph.

"I have been a long-time United Way volunteer, and I know all of the wonderful things that United Way does for our community," Seth said. "When I was asked to Chair, I felt honored that I could contribute and give back in such a wonderful way."

In addition to serving as Campaign Chairman and serving on the Board of Directors for United Way of Greater St. Joseph, Seth serves on the Steering Committee for United Way Leadership St. Joseph. He is also active in the community outside of United Way. Currently, he serves the community through the following organizations: St. Joseph Bar Association, president; Rotary Club #32, past president; Missouri Western State University Foundation Board; St. Joseph School District Foundation Board; and St. Joseph Metro Chamber Young Executives Network (YEN). He also serves on the Mizzou Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Seth earned his law degree from the



Photo by Phil Geller Photography

Seth Wright, 2011 Campaign Chair and attorney at Polsinelli Shughart Law Firm poses with his daughter, Story. Seth and his wife, Emmy, are expecting a second child right around Campaign Kick-Off time.

University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law in 2002. He holds a bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism from the University of Missouri-Columbia, where he played baseball.

Seth and his wife of 5 years, Emmy, have a 3-year-old daughter and are expecting a baby. ♦

Dates to Remember

- **United Way Night at the Mustangs**-July 1
- **United Way STUFF THE BUS!**- Aug. 5 & 6 at both St. Joseph Wal-Marts
- **Campaign Kick-Off Breakfast**- Sept. 1 at Missouri Western
- **1st Campaign Progress Luncheon**- Sept. 22 at Our Lady of Guadalupe
- **2nd Campaign Progress Luncheon**- Oct. 20 at Boy Scouts' Camp Geiger
- **Campaign Victory Dinner**- date location will be announced later

Volunteer in our Community! See how on p. 2.



... (cont'd) **SB6**

According to recent kindergarten entry assessments, fewer than half of St. Joseph kindergarteners exhibit the skills expected of a 5-year old. Many children who start kindergarten without needed skills struggle throughout their school years.

The four-week program for children and families continues to grow and evolve each year to help prepare children for success. Last year, 16 St. Joseph School District teachers volunteered their time to help 39 families. Eligible families are being invited to this year's Kindergarten Jumpstart.

On a recent survey a parent said, "Kindergarten Jumpstart helped me learn how to provide support for my son when he enters kindergarten, and it provided me tools to use to help him succeed." Responses to the parent survey from last year indicated that the program was effective and much appreciated.

Donors like you ensure that United Way Success By 6 can provide programs such as Kindergarten Jumpstart to help all children be healthy, nurtured, and ready to succeed when they enter school. ♦

Connect to the United Way Volunteer Center

The United Way Volunteer Center brings together community members with opportunities to serve. Through the United Way Volunteer Center, individuals as well as large and small groups can be connected to agencies in need of volunteers.

The United Way website provides 24-hour access to available opportunities.

Currently, 65 different volunteer needs from 40

area non-profit organizations are listed on the site. The site contains a wide variety of volunteer positions requiring various time commitments. New volunteer needs are always being

posted, so the community is invited to check the site frequently.

As more people volunteer, they realize the personal benefits they receive and the positive impact they can make in our community.

You are invited to connect with the United Way Volunteer Center to learn how you can make a difference. To learn about the wide variety of opportunities available



Steve Dillon and Conner Strough volunteer for United Way of Greater St. Joseph, helping the community while enjoying some grandfather/grandson bonding time.

throughout the community, please visit www.stjosephunitedway.org and click on the blue VOLUNTEER button or call Linda Burns at United Way (816) 364-2381. ♦

Upcoming United Way Volunteer Opportunities-Call (816) 364-2381

United Way Reading Adventure: One hour per week in July to be a reading buddy with a St. Joseph School District summer Explorer kid. Call Jodi at United Way.

United Way STUFF THE BUS! School Supplies Drive: Aug. 5 & 6 at both St. Joseph Wal-Marts to help collect donated school supplies for area children in need. Call Linda at United Way.

United Way Thanks Our 453 Crystal Circle Members at April Reception



Chaney and Beth Cathcart visit with Dan and Barb Conner during the April Crystal Circle Reception.

United Way of Greater St. Joseph recently celebrated the efforts of its leadership donors at the annual Crystal Circle Reception. Hosted by last year's leadership division Chair, Brad McAnally, the event was held in the new banquet room at Fairview Municipal Golf Course. The reception was made possible by local special

event sponsors who provide support for special events over and above their regular campaign contributions.

In 1989, a handful of thoughtful donors chartered the Crystal Circle, which requests a minimum \$1,000 annual donation to United Way of Greater St. Joseph. The membership now totals 453. ♦



... (cont'd) **Welcome New 2010 Crystal Circle Members**

- Tony Farmer and Trudie Diaz-Farmer
- Andy and Courtenay Fent
- Patricia Hogan
- William Humphreys
- Larry and Betty Huston
- Anne Idiculla, MD
- Scott and Jennifer Kempton
- Mark and Julie Korell
- Scott Knappenberger, MD
- Gene and Jean Lawhon
- MSgt Karla Lewis
- Jim and Sandy Lindsay
- Janice and Mark Mallon
- Todd and Amy Michalski
- Temeca and Herron Mitchell
- Sean O'Reilly
- Dr. Joshua and Lorie Rosebrook
- Holly and Dennis Rosonke
- Jeff and Kimberly Smith
- Miles and Jackie Spainhower
- John and Rebecca Spencer
- Adam and Sara Stein
- Kathryn A. Stueve
- Randall and Laney Taylor
- Dave and Sherry Walker
- Sandy and Jack Wattenbarger
- Alvin and Peggy Wood
- Tom and Jean Woods

**Some of the new leadership donors wish to remain anonymous.*

Crystal Circle Members give \$1,000 or more to the United Way Annual Campaign.

Thank you for supporting United Way of Greater St. Joseph.



... (cont'd) **UCP Tour**

parent of a UCP client and UCP board member, spoke to the group about her experiences with UCP.

United Way donors were able to see that the lives of children, adults, and families were being impacted in a positive way at UCP. Learning was taking place in a stimulating and encouraging environment.

The purpose of this tour was to give donors of United Way of Greater St. Joseph an opportunity to see how their

dollars are making a difference locally.

Gifts to United Way improve lives in our community in the areas of education, health and financial stability through 19 local Partner Agencies and seven United Way Initiatives/Programs.

If you are interested in touring a United Way Partner Agency or learning more about a United Way Initiative/Program, please contact Glenda Hamilton, at (816) 364-2381 or glenda.hamilton@stjosephunitedway.org.

Clip and Carry this Card. It may save you Money on Prescription Medications.

Clip and take this card with you to the pharmacy when a prescription is filled to see if it works for you. Call us at United Way of Greater St. Joseph for more information (816) 364-2381 or go to the FamilyWize website.



familywize® PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT CARD

WWW.FAMILYWIZE.ORG

<p>Distributed free of charge nationwide by the FamilyWize Partnership with participating United Way agencies, America's Promise Alliance Partners, counties, community organizations, doctors, businesses and some pharmacies.</p> <p>Discounts are provided by and available only at participating pharmacies.</p> <p>THIS IS NOT INSURANCE • DISCOUNTS ONLY</p> <p>OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You always receive the discounted price or pharmacy's retail price, whichever is lower. Please thank your participating pharmacy for providing these savings! • Cannot be used with other prescription cards for the same purchase or to reduce an insurance co-pay. • Go to WWW.FAMILYWIZE.ORG for a list of participating organizations and pharmacies, additional cards, drug prices, and other program information. • Some restrictions apply. Benefits subject to change without notice. Provided by Envision Rx Options, Inc. 	<p>Member ID: 080109</p> <p>Group ID: 39701</p> <p>Bin: 610194</p> <p>PCN: FW</p> <p>Pharmacies: 877-HELP-977</p> <p>Members: 866-810-3784</p> <p>Expires: 12/31/2020</p> <p>Copies Permitted</p>
--	---



United Way of Greater St. Joseph

The United Way FamilyWize Prescription Drug Discount Card has saved area residents \$426,654 since the cards became available. On average, customers for whom the card worked have saved 43%. Thanks to the gifts of donors, United Way of Greater St. Joseph is improving the health and financial stability of our community one prescription at a time. Cards may also be printed from the FamilyWize website and are available at the United Way office at 118 South 5th Street, St. Joseph, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Thank you for your support. We'd love to hear if the card is working for you!

United Way Donors Tour Partner Agency to See Gifts in Action

UCP, United Cerebral Palsy of Northwest Missouri, was recently the site of an agency tour for several United Way of Greater St. Joseph donors.

On March 29, nine donors joined Campaign Chair Seth Wright and three United Way staff members for lunch donated by Mr. Goodcents and for a tour of UCP, one of the 19 United Way Partner Agencies.

UCP Executive Director, Teresa Gagliano, shared an overview of UCP's mission and work. She thanked



A speech therapist and two preschool boys interact through sign language. UCP, one of the 19 United Way Partner Agencies, serves children and adults with disabilities.

United Way donors for gifts that help UCP impact lives of children, adults, and families with disabilities and special needs. Donors saw the new UCP adult physical activity room and visited adult and preschool children's classrooms.

At the end of the tour, Caroline Murphy, . . . continued on page 3

Many thanks to BEST Business Partners _____

Affiliated Foods, Inc.; Altec Industries, Inc.; Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc.; Buchanan County; Harley Davidson; Heartland Health; Hillyard Companies; Missouri Air National Guard; and St. Joseph Police Department.

Local High Schoolers Participate in BEST

Over the past year, the United Way Profit In Education program, Business and Education Succeed Together (BEST), has brought businesses and students from Lafayette High School and the Colgan Alternative Resource Center together through company presentations and tours. Over 70 students were involved in BEST during the 2010-11 school year.

The goal of the BEST program is to have students learn about local businesses, the different jobs available, and the training and education required for those positions.

The BEST program is possible through an AT&T Foundation grant and donors like you who support the United Way Campaign. ♦

19 Partner Agencies

American Red Cross
232-8439

Bartlett Center
233-8201

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater St. Joseph
671-4090

Catholic Charities
232-2885

The CENTER, A Samaritan Center
364-4300

Children's Mercy Hospital
816-234-3000

Community Missions Corporation
390-8884

Family Guidance Center
364-1501

Girl Scouts of Northeast Kansas and Northwest Missouri
279-7438

InterServ
238-4511

Legal Aid of Western Missouri
364-2325

Northwest Missouri Community Services
364-1131

Pony Express Council, Boy Scouts of America
233-1351

St. Joseph Safety & Health Council
233-3330

Salvation Army
232-5824

Specialty Industries of St. Joseph, Inc.
232-8083

United Cerebral Palsy of Northwest Missouri
364-3836

YMCA
233-YMCA (9622)

YWCA
232-4481

7 Initiatives/Programs

Financial Stability

Health Efforts for Local People

Leadership St. Joseph

Profit in Education®

Success By 6®

Unmet Needs Committee

Volunteer Center



United Way of Greater St. Joseph

PO Box 188
St. Joseph, MO 64502

(816) 364-2381
stjosephunitedway.org

To stay up to date with how your dollars are working in the community:

- *Become a fan of United Way of Greater St. Joseph on Facebook*

facebook

- *Follow UnitedWayStJoe on Twitter*

twitter