

By the Way,

a newsletter for long-time friends of United Way

Spring 2012

UNITED WAY READING ADVENTURE SEEKS BOOKS AND VOLUNTEERS

For the second summer in a row, United Way Reading Adventure, a program of United Way Profit In Education®, will help children maintain literacy skills during the summer when they are out of school.

United Way will partner with the St. Joseph School District Explorer Kids Summer Program to match children in the Explorer's program with a reading volunteer. Once a

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United Way HELP Fund Impacted Health for Local People

United Way Health Efforts for Local People (HELP) Fund supported six local health programs and projects through grants of up to \$10,000 in 2011.

End-of-year reports show positive health work in the lives of area people:

- The CENTER's Electronic Medical Records program increased the number of individuals receiving needed mental health medication management by 260 people.
- Through Heartland Regional Medical Center's Patee Youth Dental Clinic, 117 low-income children received surgical care for serious dental health issues.
- InterServ's Learning to Eat and

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ROGER MARTIN RECEIVES UNITED WAY VOLUNTEER AWARD

The United Way Volunteer Award is given each year to honor exemplary volunteers for outstanding volunteer service. Roger Martin was recognized with the 2011 award.

Roger spends many hours at the United Way office, not only volunteering for United Way, but also volunteering for the St. Joseph Safety and Health Council, a United Way Partner Agency that is located in the same building as United Way. Roger began volunteering for United Way in the 1980s. Even though he just completed a two-year term as United Way Community Investment Co-Chair and has been a United Way volunteer for approximately 30 years, he has continued to accept future United Way leadership roles.

In addition to supporting United Way, Roger is also active in historical preservation and promotion of the City of St. Joseph, serving on the Convention and Visitors Bureau Board and the Landmarks Commission.

Roger's wife, Peggy, said, "Roger always makes a significant



Roger Martin shared a few words with the United Way Annual Meeting crowd when his award was announced. He has volunteered for United Way for 30 years.

contribution of his time, his knowledge, and his experience to each group he is involved with. He is a quiet man, but he is reliable, conscientious, friendly, and is a well-respected force wherever he goes."

Roger works for Altec Industries, Inc. Several Altec Industries employees and members of Roger's family attended the event to support him as he was honored with the United Way Volunteer Award.

Roger exemplifies what it means to LIVE UNITED. ♦

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 14-Eat. Drink. LIVE UNITED.*
Pappy's and Cabana.

July 17-Eat. Drink. LIVE UNITED.*
Ground Round downtown and Culver's.
*10% of day's sales donated to
United Way of Greater St. Joseph.

Aug. 3-4-United Way STUFF THE BUS!
collecting school supplies for area
students at both St. Joseph Wal-Mart
locations.

Sept. 6-Campaign Kickoff
Sept. 8-Walk. Run. LIVE UNITED. Second
Annual 5K/10K event at Missouri
Western State University to support
the United Way Campaign.

Sept. 27-1st Campaign Progress Report
Oct. 18-2nd Campaign Progress Report

Nov. 1-Campaign Victory Dinner
*Watch for more events on our calendar:
stjosephunitedway.org

READ TO CHILDREN IN JULY

United Way Reading Adventure needs volunteers to read to elementary-aged children in July. Time Commitment: 1-4 hours. Contact Jodi at 364-2381.



COLLECT SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Volunteer to collect school supplies for area children through United Way STUFF THE BUS! on Aug. 3 or 4 at Wal-Mart. Call Linda at 364-2381.

VOLUNTEER YOURSELF!

United Way Volunteer Center connects the community through volunteerism. Go to stjosephunitedway.org and click on VOLUNTEER to find a volunteer opportunity at an area non-profit that fits what you have to give.



UNITED WAY DONORS TOUR PARTNER AGENCY

Northwest Missouri Community Services, one of the 19 Partner Agencies of United Way of Greater St. Joseph, welcomed United Way donors on March 28 for a tour.

Donors in attendance saw first-hand how their dollars are impacting lives in our region.

Community Services' Director Penny Adams addressed the group during lunch and discussed the many ways the Partner Agency serves area clients. Attendees learned about Community Services' information and referral program, on-site thrift store, and Adopt-a-Family Christmas program.

Lunch was provided thanks to the generosity of Mr. Goodcents.

Two additional tours are slated to take place this year. The next tour will be held on Wed., June 13, at the Boy Scouts' Camp Geiger in the Herzog



Northwest Missouri Community Services was the first Partner Agency of the year to host a United Way Donor Tour.

Lodge at 11:30 a.m. If you are interested in attending, please contact Glenda Hamilton at 364-2381. ♦



Volunteers will read with children in four St. Joseph School District Explorer Kids Summer Program sites in July through United Way Reading Adventure. We'd love to hear from you if you'd like to volunteer!

... (cont'd) Reading Adventure

week for one hour during the month of July, volunteers will visit the Explorer's program at four elementary schools: Noyes, Pickett, Hyde and Mark Twain.

Students in the United Way Reading Adventure program will also receive books throughout the summer to encourage reading at home and to help build their home libraries.

Modeled after HOPE Outreach Ministries, Inc., United Way Reading Adventure was piloted in 2011 at Hyde and Mark Twain schools. On average every week, 30 volunteers read with 70 children at the two schools.

Individuals and organizations interested in donating books, conducting a book drive soon or reading with children should contact Jodi Bloemker at 364-2381. ♦

... (cont'd) **Local Health Grant**

Play Right enabled 164 children to exercise regularly and to learn about healthy eating and nutrition.

- Through Second Harvest's Backpack Buddies, 70 St. Joseph low-income children received backpacks full of kid-friendly, nutritious food throughout the school year.

- Social Welfare Board's Dental Hygiene Clinic provided a comprehensive dental exam, cleaning and education about diabetes and oral health for 117 low-income patients.

- Social Welfare Board's Diabetic Self-Control Initiative saw 280 low-income diabetic patients, 86 of whom were homeless, visit the Social Welfare Board an average of 3 times each to review blood sugar results and to receive glucose strips to help them achieve and maintain glycemic control. Patients were also provided with glucometers and received diabetic education. ♦

... (cont'd) **Leadership St. Joseph**



The class will continue to meet one full day each month until the end of the year.

United Way is pleased to help build a network of trained adults willing to engage in leadership and community service with enhanced knowledge of our community.

Please contact Linda Burns at 364-2381 to learn how to become a future participant in United Way Leadership St. Joseph. ♦



YES, I'D LIKE TO GIVE A TRIBUTE GIFT

If you would like to celebrate the life of a family member or special friend through a memorial gift/honorarium to the United Way Endowment Fund, you may complete this form and send it to Glenda Hamilton at United Way of Greater St. Joseph, P.O. Box 188, St. Joseph, MO 64502. Your gift will improve lives in our community.

Enclosed is my tribute gift of \$ _____

Given by _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Commemorating _____
(please indicate the birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion)

Please send acknowledgement to _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

The person you are honoring, or the family of the person you are remembering, will be promptly notified of your gift without mentioning the amount. Your gift may also be listed in a United Way publication unless you indicate here that you wish to remain anonymous.

Please do not list my name.

Please make your check payable to United Way of Greater St. Joseph. Contributions are tax-deductible. Thank you!

TRIBUTE GIFTS

HONOR IN LASTING WAYS

The following Tribute Gifts have been gratefully received by United Way of Greater St. Joseph:

Honor _____

In Honor of Leechia Jones-
Family Guidance Center

In Honor of Bobbi Jo Violett-
American Family Insurance
Employees

Memory _____

In Memory of Fred Halsey-
Bill Schreiber, Jr.

In Memory of Robert Keatley-
Dean and Christine Johnson
Carol and Casey Meyers
Bob and Kay Simpson
Bill and Marie Smith

In Memory of Gene Sanders-
Bob and Kay Simpson

In Memory of Nancy Springs-
Taylor Crouse

In Memory of Zachary Wilson-
Bill Schreiber, Jr.



*Bob Wollenman,
2012 United Way
Campaign Chair,
along with the
United Way
Board of Directors
and staff,
thank you for all you've
done and will do
to help our community.
LIVE UNITED!*

THANK YOU!

UNITED WAY LEADERSHIP ST. JOSEPH BUILDS LOCAL LEADERSHIP FOR 30TH YEAR

Celebrating its 30th year, United Way Leadership St. Joseph builds the skills of individuals to be effective leaders in the community.

Our 500-plus graduates are recognized throughout the community as leaders in their organizations and by the non-profit agencies for which they serve as volunteers and board members.

The current 25 participants have worked with the following topics so far

this year:

- January—Team development and temperament types
- February—Local needs and services
- March—Education impact, services, and collaborations
- April—Local business and economic development impact
- May—St. Joseph's past and plans for the future.

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*25 area
adults hone
leadership
skills
tailored for
the Greater
St. Joseph
area.*

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 ENDOWMENT FUND

Call 816-364-2381 and ask how to make a charitable bequest to United Way so you can continue your legacy of caring forever.



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your dollars are working in
the community:*

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