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Helping Families Become More Stable Through Circles

The Circles program is a unique program that focus' on helping people from generational poverty become self-sufficient and move out of poverty. It is a "hand-up" not a "hand-out". National statistics show that a high percentage of people who attend and complete this program are able to permanently move off of public assistance, become self sufficient, and contribute to the community. And this is why, with your help, Tipp City Area United Way invests in this program.

There are a few key components in this program that make it successful. The first is a 15 week course called, "Getting Ahead". During the course, issues surrounding poverty is investigated by participants in the program, and a personalized plan to move out of poverty is developed. After successful completion of the Getting Ahead course, they continue with the second portion called, "Circles" where participants are matched with 3-4 allies and join the circle community which continues to meet weekly for an additional 12 to 18 months. The Circles community assists and supports Circle Leaders as they journey out of poverty.

In September of 2010 the first Tipp City area Getting Ahead class was held at Tipp City United Methodist Church. The program began with 9 participants which resulted in 2 participants who had previously been unemployed obtained jobs, 2 obtained higher quality jobs, 2 enrolled in school, and 1 completed a certificate program and was promoted into a management position at her place of employment.

With your help we are making a difference in our community. Reach out a hand to influence one and influence the condition of all. That's what it means to LIVE UNITED.



Sheltering the Homeless and Building Family Stability

What if losing your job meant losing your home? For many families, just one unfortunate event—an illness, pink slip or divorce—can push them into homelessness. The children in these uprooted families have a hard time adjusting and learning.

It takes an income of at least twice the federal poverty level to cover a family's most basic expenses. That means a family of four has to make over \$19.75 an hour to make ends meet. Tipp City Area United Way knows not everyone in our community is fortunate enough to have this security and that is why support is needed for the Family Abuse Shelter in Miami County's Homeless Shelter.

After being evicted from their apartment, a mother and her children were accepted into Shelter Care. Initially, the family was scared, but quickly settled into their new surroundings and began a journey towards rebuilding their lives. While Shelter Care, Case Managers helped the mother obtain employment, arranged childcare, and to start saving money towards a new home. Upon exiting the program, the family was further assisted with money towards rent and deposit. Currently, the family is residing in Tipp City, doing well, and continues to check in with Shelter Staff for ongoing support.

Your continued support is so important for us to help with the growing needs of our community because without it, many would go homeless. Thank you for your support.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

It is possible to be behind in school before a child even begins. That is why Tipp City Area United Way has started a new program called Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Research shows that economically disadvantaged children enter kindergarten one to two years behind in language skills. The typical middle class child starts first grade with up to 1,700 hours of one-on-one picture book reading, while a child from a low-income family averages only 25 hours. By third grade, those without reading skills are unlikely to graduate from high school. They also make considerably less money: workers in Ohio with less than a high school education earn a median wage of only \$9.47 per hour.



Enclosed is an envelope that gives you an opportunity to give a child a head start and a life time of learning! For \$30.00 a year a child from birth to five who are enrolled in the program receive free books mailed directly to their home every month. We hope you will join us in supporting the program by completing the envelope and mailing your check to our office. Your support is vitally important to us, as we do not want to have to turn children away.

Any child from birth to five who lives in the Tipp City or Bethel school district is eligible for the program. If you know of a child who would benefit from the program, have their parent(s) stop by our office to complete the registration form for enrollment. Children may also enroll through the website www.imaginationlibrary.com.

Have You Ever?



Have you ever in a single day found a child a place to play?

Or helped a woman find a house when she's been battered by her spouse?

Or helped an elder manage strife and given back a better life?

Or cooked a meal for homeless men and found them blankets, beds and then...

Bought a girl a teddy bear and smoothed the tangles from her hair?

Have you ever in a single day done so much?

Well, by the way....

You've done all that when you say...."I donate through United Way".

Making a Difference in Health

Can you imagine having to make a choice between buying groceries or prescriptions? Many in our community are forced to make tough decisions every day due to lack in their income. Thanks to donors like you, programs that help folks with their health is made possible.

Lisa is a single mom with three children. She works very hard taking care of senior citizens in an assisted living home. She cooks their food for them. Lisa also has Arthritis. Her joints are so swollen that sometimes she has trouble grasping simple things like a tray or plate. Her knees hurt so badly from the arthritis that she limps-some days having trouble keeping her balance. Lisa is only 40 years old. She needs her job in order to provide for her children. So, everyday, regardless of the stiffness and pain, Lisa goes to work to help others.

Lisa has expressed her appreciation more than once for the services Health Partners Free Clinic is able to provide for her. She receives treatment, assistance with her prescriptions and routine diagnostic testing-all at no cost to her-Thanks to donors like you who know that with the rising cost of health care many can not afford much needed treatment.



Day of Caring

For the past 3 years Tipp City Area United Way has participated in the Tipp Pride Day/Day of Caring along with the City of Tipp City, Tipp Monroe Community Services, and America in Bloom encouraging members of our community to volunteer. Many local businesses helped to make the day possible with their generous donations; Family Dollar Store, Food Town Grocery, Process Equipment, Tipp City Hardware, McDonalds of Tipp City, Gardens Alive, Meijer Distribution Center and many miscellaneous donors.

United Way had nine projects on the agenda through out the Tipp City and Bethel area, during our Day of Caring. There were five individual residents' homes that were in need of repairs or yard work. Many of those were widows or disabled, and can no longer do their own yard work or keep up with repairs.



Jenny Warner has always been a considerate neighbor and called to identify Norm Giessman's property. Jenny stated, "Norm, my neighbor for 13 years, has always been wonderful to my kids and I'm happy to help him with the yard work he can no longer do. But as a single women taking care of 2 yards, I so appreciate the volunteers help today...them coming out to help with Norm's yard project actually helped me as well!"

Jenny and all our volunteers are all good neighbors and we want to thank them, they truly do "LIVE UNITED" which is something you can't turn off. It means taking the time to do what you can to help. We hope everyone will consider being a part of our Day of Caring next April 2012!

Please remember us in your trust or will. You will be making a "Gift of a Lifetime"!

You are the Champions!

To you, they may simply be the person to whom you turn in your United Way pledge form at work. To us, they are our extended hands and feet on the "front lines" of fund-raising. They are our United Way Champions, the people responsible for championing our cause and coordinating the United Way campaign at their workplace.

Often these people volunteer for this extra duty. Others are "volunteered" by supervisors. But all help our United Way with extra behind-the-scenes work that makes the giving process so simple for you.

With roughly 90 percent of our annual revenue coming from payroll deduction and subsequent corporate matches at the workplace, these champions play a vital part in the success of our organization. And we want to officially say THANK YOU for making a difference through our United Way!



Want To Receive Our Newsletter In the Future?

Welcome to our first newsletter! Each edition will contain information on our funded partners and programs, information on supporters, upcoming events, important partnerships and community happenings. To keep costs down, we would like to send future newsletters through email. Please complete the information below and either mail to **Tipp City Area United Way, P.O. Box 95, Tipp City, OH 45371** or email to **dcarr102498@aol.com**.

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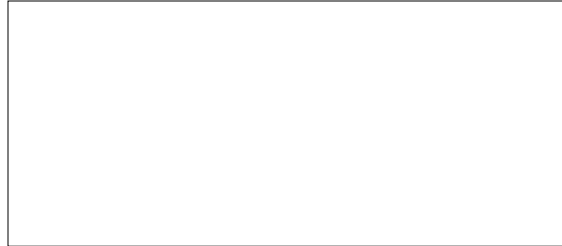
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