



Neighbors

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United Way awards largest amount ever

Thanks to the generous support of all our donors

Thanks to the generosity of the people of St. Francois County, the United Way of St. Francois County kept its promise and awarded grants on January 24, 2012.

The grants totaled \$182,660.34 and included 28 agencies that meet the needs of our neighbors in St. Francois County. The total is above the goal of \$175,000 and includes a special grant to East Missouri Action Agency to continue providing pantry referrals in St. Francois County.

The Board approved the shifting of its grant from the St. Francois County Dental Clinic which no longer operates a dental clinic, to Upward Smiles, a new clinic for children who receive Medicaid in Park Hills. Funds have been set aside for the Back to School Fair, once operated by EMAA and currently in the planning stages for another agency which has also applied to United Way.

The money awarded is the greatest amount ever given by United Way of St. Francois County! And following the grant presentation, the United Way Board of Directors set its goal for fundraising this year to be awarded in 2013 as **\$190,000!**



United Way Board members celebrate the grand total! From front row left are: Shelly Tate, Ozarks Federal Savings and Loan; Jamie Strange, Belgrade State Bank; Mark Toti, KREI/KTJJ; Tammy Bracken, Serenity Hospice Care; Mary Lee Faircloth, Retired, Central Schools; Mark Hedrick, SFC County Clerk; Jackie Berry, MAC; and Sue Evans, First State Financial Management; Back row, Stacy Stevens, West Co. Schools; George Easley, Daily Journal; Greg Camp, City of Desloge; Kelly Barnes; USA Drug; Dennis Smith, SFC Sheriff's Dept; Paula Jackson, Retired, Farmington Schools and Kerry Glore, SFC Treasurer. Board members not pictured are: Mike Gladbach, retired businessman; Kelly Legan, First State Community Bank; Peggy Ropelle, Retired, MAC; and Brice Sechrest, Attorney.

2012-13 GOAL: \$190,000



Bonne Terre Supports United Way

At left, Bonne Terre Utility Clerk Cindy Koester, Mayor LeeRoy Calvert and United Way Board Member Jackie Berry show a new water bill that will arrive in 1,500 Bonne Terre homes beginning in February. The bill offers the customer a chance to add a dollar to what the customer pays to go to United Way of St. Francois County. The Bonne Terre Council approved the move last fall to be made when it was time to print new bills. Those bills go out in February and will have a statement that reads, "Add \$1 for United Way." Calvert said it's the first time

the city has supported an organization in this way. In the past, customers were offered the chance to donate through their bills to a new warning siren. The money will go to support the United Way as it raises funds to help agencies that meet basic human needs in St. Francois County. The city will maintain a separate fund for donations and present a check to United Way at the end of the year. Bonne Terre joins the cities of Farmington and Desloge which also offer the donation option on utility bills.

Rock United KICKS off 2012!



Sponsored by Edward Jones Investments and State Sen. Kevin Engler, ROCK UNITED brought a sell-out crowd to the Centene Center on Jan. 14 and brought in \$8,000 to the United Way of St. Francois County! Engler is one of the founders of United Way and chose the concert as a way to celebrate his 25th anniversary as an Edward Jones Representative. The local classic rock bands GTO and the Baby Boomer Band

showcased their talents in the concert. GTO kicked off sales of its new CD, "I've Got The Music In Me," and donated \$2 from the sale of every CD to the United Way of St. Francois County! Thanks to

everyone who bought a ticket or gave a door prize and everyone who performed! And a special **thanks and happy anniversary to Senator Engler.**

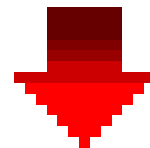


AGENCIES that received grant funding from United Way for 2012:

- Bismarck Church of God Food Pantry
- Bismarck Senior Center
- Bonne Terre Food Pantry
- Bonne Terre Senior Center
- Central R3 Caring Communities
- Children's Advocacy Center
- Elvins Food Pantry
- EMAA for Pantry Referrals
- Farmington Meals on Wheels for Special Diets
- Farmington Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry
- Farmington Senior Center
- Girl Scouts of Eastern Mo.
- Habitat for Humanity of St. Francois County
- Helping Hands of Southeast Missouri Mental Health Center
- Immaculate Conception Food Pantry/St. Vincent de Paul
- L.I.F.E. Center for Independent Living
- North St. Francois County Caring Communities
- Park Hills Senior Center
- Parkland Foster Adopt Families
- Parkland Pregnancy Resource Center
- Salvation Army
- SEMO Family Violence Council
- Shared Blessings Homeless Shelter
- St. Francois County Community Partnership
- St. Vincent de Paul-Farmington
- Upward Smiles Dental Clinic
- West County Caring Communities
- Young Faith in Christ.



Representatives of the local agencies receiving United Way grants on Jan. 24 pose with the UW banner!



Non-Profit Agencies in St. Francois County who meet basic human needs will be invited to apply for a 2013 grant from the United Way of St. Francois County beginning in April. Details will be announced in the media and in United Way publications.

THANK YOU for the work you do all year long!

AGENCY NEWS

- **FREE MEALS** are served weekly at the Cornerstone Café, in downtown Bonne Terre, from 5-6 p.m. on Wednesdays and in Farmington, from 5-6 p.m. on Thursdays at MUMS Café, across from Burger King. St. Joseph Catholic Church in Farmington hosts "Our Father's Table," from 4-6 p.m. on the last Sunday of the month. EVERYONE is invited.
- **FARMINGTON MEALS ON WHEELS for Special Diets** is in need of volunteer drivers to deliver lunches.. Drivers can volunteer on a regular basis, or as a substitute. This is usually a once-a-week commitment for approximately one hour, driving in the Farmington area. Contact Pat Beussink at 756-1313.
- **Helping Hands of SMMHC is selling chances** for a gift certificate for \$125 to Petit Patee in Festus. Take your Sweetheart to dinner! Chances are \$1 each or six for \$5. Drawing will be February 9. Contact Lin-An Seals @ 218-6730; Janine Semar @ 218-7047; or any Helping Hands Board Member.
- **Tickets are available for the Children's Advocacy Center of East Central Missouri's** 10th Annual Sweetheart Dinner & Dance Saturday, February 25, 2012, Knights of Columbus Hall, Washington, MO. Special Guest Emcee – Jeff Burton. 6 p.m. Cocktail Hour & Opening of Silent Auction; 7 p.m. Dinner; 8 p.m. Live Music by Alderwood. Ticket donation is \$40 before Feb. 10 and \$45 after. Price includes dinner and open bar.
- **The new UPWARD SMILES Dental Clinic** will benefit from a Trivia Contest at 7 p.m. Feb. 25 @ Heritage Hall in Bonne Terre. Arrive a little early to sign up your team of 10. Cost \$10 per player.
- **Habitat for Humanity of St. Francois County** has opened a RE-STORE at 712-C East Main Street in Park Hills, (across from Boyer Funeral Home and in the back end of State Farm Insurance's building.) The entrance faces 4th Street. The hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. However, it is staffed by volunteers so there will be days that the volunteers can't make it for one reason or another, so if you are there and we are not, please stop by again. The store accepts donations of household items to sell, as well as bargain shoppers. Proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity, building homes in partnership with people in St. Francois County.
- **Farmington Ministerial Alliance will** benefit from the sale of Ryan's Steakhouse peeler cards. Sold for \$10 each, they offer a BUY ONE GET ONE meal. The cards are valid for 4 months—until the end of May. The Alliance makes \$5 on the sale of each card. To get yours, contact Laura Raymer at farmingtonministerialalliance@hotmail.com or call her at 915-0577.



United Way of St. Francois County welcomes UPWARD SMILES, INC. to its family of agencies for 2012. The dental clinic operated by Dental Hygienist Sherry Cauley, opened Jan. 16 @ 2820 Anchor Drive, just off Parkway Drive. The clinic is accepting children who are on Medicaid and is open Tuesday-Friday from 8 a.m.—4 p.m. for preventative and restorative dental care. For more information, call the clinic at 327-8010.

Print out this newsletter and leave it in your break room, church, office or wherever others might see it. AND, forward it via email! Let others see why YOU support the United Way of St.

Francois County.



Listen to UW on the radio: 1st Friday @ 9:30 a.m. on KREI, 800 AM; 1st Wednesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. on KFMO, 1240 AM.