



United Way of Delaware County



www.uwaydelaware.org

February 2008

Thank you for requesting periodic updates on how your gift to United Way is used through our e-news update, Highlights. To learn more about these and other topics, visit our Web site at [www.uwaydelaware.org](http://www.uwaydelaware.org).



### Quick Links

[United Way of Delaware County Web site](http://www.uwaydelaware.org)

[Download annual report](#)

[Donate now](#)

[Contact us](#)

[Funding partners](#)

How can we help? Click here to e-mail the staff of United Way of Delaware County:

[Katherine Tatterson Kreuchauf](#)

[Laurie Cox](#)

[Rhonda Baer](#)

[Joanne Korzenko](#)

[Gail Gregory](#)

[Amanda Jefferson](#)

Contact us at 40 N. Sandusky St.,  
P.O. Box 319, Delaware, OH 43015.  
Phone (740) 369-9618  
Fax (740) 369-9080  
E-mail: [feedback@uwaydelaware.org](mailto:feedback@uwaydelaware.org)

Please note: Many computer users use SPAM-blocking software or junk-mail filters offered by their Internet service providers. These filters may prevent you from receiving requested e-mail updates from United Way of Delaware County. If you use these types of filters, please add the following e-mail address to your "safe" or "friend" list: [campaign.desk@uwaydelaware.org](mailto:campaign.desk@uwaydelaware.org).

This e-mail message was sent to you because you signed up to receive updates and notifications of new information about your investment in United Way of Delaware County. You may discontinue your registration for e-mail updates at any time by sending an e-mail to [feedback@uwaydelaware.org](mailto:feedback@uwaydelaware.org). In the subject line, please specify "Remove from list."

### United Way raises \$3.34 million for human service programs

Delaware County donors responded enthusiastically during the 2007 United Way of Delaware County fundraising campaign, helping the local United Way exceed its campaign goal of \$3.25 million by 2.7 percent.

United Way campaign leadership announced a final total of \$3,338,764 after finalizing campaign totals. The amount is approximately \$241,000 more than monies collected last year. [Click here](#) to read more on our Web site.



### Save the dates for annual meeting, campaign events

Watch your mail for your invitation to United Way's 2008 Annual Meeting Luncheon, scheduled for Thursday, March 20, at Brookshire Conference Center. Check-in begins at 11:30 a.m., and the program and meal will begin at noon. At this meeting, volunteers will be recognized, new board members and officers will be elected, and by-law changes will be approved. Volunteers also will have the opportunity to participate in a group photo wearing T-shirts with the new LIVE UNITED promotional messages for United Way. The meeting is expected to conclude by 1:30 p.m.

Also highlight on your calendar these campaign events:

- **United Way National Day of Action:** Saturday, June 21. Watch for more information about United Way of Delaware County's local project in honor of this observance.
- **Campaign Kickoff and Community Care Day:** Tuesday, Sept. 16, at the newly opened Delaware Senior Center on Cheshire Road

### Results you can see: Earned Income Tax Credit assistance

Thanks to your support, the Delaware County Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program is making a difference in the lives of families with low-to-moderate incomes. Through the VITA program, volunteers help county residents who qualify with professional tax assistance, aiding them in filing tax returns and applying for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).



Above, Catherine Lo Bello is assisted with her tax return and EITC application by volunteer Jay Chih-Yu Hsiao, an accounting student at Ohio Wesleyan University. To date, the program has resulted in:

- 65 tax returns prepared
- 15 (23%) new EIC filings
- \$1,025,446 cumulative AGI
- \$81,238 EIC
- \$15,235 additional child tax credit
- \$9,532 state refunds
- \$5,410 saved on return preparation and refund loan fees
- \$162,871 amount brought into Delaware to date (refunds and tax preparation savings)

**More results you can see: childhood nutrition programming**



In the newly designed Dragons Café at Dempsey Middle School, a childhood nutrition program sponsored by United Way and the [Delaware General Health District](#) is combatting childhood obesity.

Surrounded by colorful, health-conscious messages and healthy food choices, students are learning to select nutritional snacks, control portions and choose water instead of soda. [Click here](#) for more information on this program and other childhood nutrition information from the Delaware General Health District.

**Volunteer opportunities**

Volunteers are needed for several tasks at local health and human services agencies. If interested in any of these opportunities, Contact Pat Miley at (740) 363-5000 at the Connections Volunteer Center between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. or e-mail [pmiley@helplinedelmor.org](mailto:pmiley@helplinedelmor.org).

- **Literacy Coalition** - Volunteers are needed for a variety of literacy programs in Delaware County. By giving just a few hours a week, you can make a difference in the lives of children and adults by giving the gift of reading, writing and English proficiency.
- **Senior Citizens, Inc.** - The new senior center located at 800 Cheshire Road, Delaware, is looking for volunteer tour guides and volunteer kitchen and dining center assistants.
- **Council for Older Adults** - Transportation drivers are needed take seniors to medical appointments. Approximately 20 hours of training is necessary for these positions; however, your help is invaluable to those who need these services. A good driving record and a background check are required.

**You Said It!**

*"You said it" includes comments from United Way supporters*

"I am very pleased to have had the privilege to lead Liebert's 2007 corporate campaign in support of United Way. Thanks to the generosity of our employees, Liebert pledged a total of \$350,000, which exceeded our pledges from the previous year. We are confident that this money will go a very long way to support the many fine agencies that United Way is involved with. During the campaign, our employees learned that there may be a time when they know someone who needs a United Way agency's support, and that they can feel good that they were directly involved to help fund it."



David Joy , Vice President, Marketing  
Liebert AC Power - Emerson Network Power  
975 Pittsburg Drive, Delaware

*Would you like to share your comments about United Way for a future message? E-mail your reasons for supporting United Way to [feedback@uwaydelaware.org](mailto:feedback@uwaydelaware.org). Include your address, and we'll send you a United Way tri-colored highlighter to help you focus on "what matters" in your printed documents.*