

United Way of
Delaware County

LIVE UNITED



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COULD THE CHANGE IN YOUR POCKET
CHANGE SOMEONE'S LIFE?

Help Change a Life for the Better and
GIVE TO THE COMMUNITY YOU COME HOME TO



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GIVE.

ADVOCATE.

VOLUNTEER.

Applications Available Online

Local non-profit organizations are invited to apply for FY11 funding for programs that address Delaware County's most pressing human service needs. Deadline to apply is Feb. 8, notification of funding decisions will be made by May 1, with allocations beginning July 1.

Online applications are available by first calling United Way of Delaware County at 740-369-9618.

United Way's funding will continue to focus on basic essential services such as food and emergency shelter, as well as education and youth, health, and financial stability.

[Click here](#) for more information on the application process - including a mandatory training for first-time applicants.

Associated Hygienic Products Campaign HUGE Success

The associates at the AHP plant in Delaware truly know what it means to Live United. The company recently completed its campaign more than doubling the amount pledged last year. AHP provides incentives to its employees to participate - at any level - realizing that every dollar adds up. AHP manufactures, markets, and sells disposable baby diapers and training pants.

Volunteers Make Funding Recommendations

Did you know that 40 community volunteers are charged with making the community funding decisions each year? Ultimately, the United Way of Delaware County Board of Directors approves the funding recommendations; but it is volunteers from the community who comprise the impact teams which are responsible for reviewing the funding applications, visiting agencies, discussing and debating the community's needs and agencies' abilities, and making the recommendations for funding.

During last year's allocations process, 36 volunteers contributed a total 380 volunteer hours to the process - a conservative estimate. Volunteers are required to attend training and sign a Conflict of Interest form,



Dedicated AHP employees know what it means to 'Live United.' From left: Bob Charleston, Brandy Leonberg, Christy Weikel, Darrell Finck, Dana Smith, Jessica Seefeldt, Mary Lou Caudill, Bill Sayers, Bruce Treiber and Wade Bovard.

Agency Highlight: Transportation is Focus for Mental Health and Older Adults

Both Concord Counseling and the Central Ohio Mental Health Center use donor funds to help provide transportation for their clients to receive much needed service and assistance.



At COMHC, one of the biggest barriers for clients to receive counseling and therapy is transportation. As a United Way partner agency, COMHC uses donor dollars to purchase rides from DATA (Delaware Area Transit Authority) or Delaware Cab, the local taxi cab provider. This helps ensure clients make it to their scheduled appointments with counselors. Here's how the generosity of donors helped make an impact on one woman's life.

"A single mom with a preschooler had no vehicle or access to transportation. She is unable to work due to mental health issues. She expressed gratitude that we (COMHC) could provide tokens for transporting her to therapy. Financially, she could not afford to pay for transportation. She said it helps her manage her stress and feel better when she comes to counseling. She thinks she would not be doing very well without the counseling. She volunteers at a social service agency and likes to try to give back to others."



At Concord Counseling, the Senior Support Program not only provides transportation for older adults for medical

disclosing any potential conflicts. Volunteers serve a three-year term and new volunteers from the community are recruited annually. [Click here](#) to see a list of the dedicated volunteers for the 2010 funding process.

Volunteer Opportunity for Adults Over 55

Share Your Love of Reading: Become a Pen Pal

Connections Volunteer Center of Delaware County is coordinating a Friendship Book Club for adults over 55 years old and students from local elementary schools. This reading/pen pal program will begin the last week in January and continue through April. Students and adults will read the same book and through letter-writing have discussions based on the book and personal experiences.

Letters will be exchanged through Senior Citizens, Inc. and distributed to the participants. This is a wonderful opportunity to encourage reading, assist with letter-writing competencies, and make a positive influence on a younger generation. In May, a party will be held so pen pals can meet face-to-face. Approximately 100 pen pals are needed. If you love to read - or know of an older adult who does - please contact Margie West at Connections, 740-363-5000, or mwest@helplinedelmor.org.

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appointments and errands, but a personal connection is made between the driver and the older adult. Donors' dollars are used to provide these senior citizens with a ride, as well as a human contact with a caring driver. Read on for one success story.

"During the past six months, an elderly gentleman who lives in Delaware County received transportation to a nursing home in Franklin County, where his wife is a resident. He receives hospice services himself in his own home. He often feels weak and tired, and would not have been able to keep up the face-to-face contact with his wife without the support and transportation provided through Concord Counseling."

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