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Community Care Day One of the Largest



Rockwell employees Denise, Brian and Rosita take a breather from their enjoyable work at Liberty Community Center during this year's Community Care Day event.

A beautifully sunny day in late September welcomed nearly 200 dedicated souls who volunteered their time helping 15 social service agencies throughout Delaware County with much-needed spring cleaning and other tasks. Community Care Day not only provides a unique opportunity for individuals to support local non-profits with physical labor, it also gives employees insight into the agencies and recipients of their financial gifts. Thanks to *Connections*, *The Volunteer Center*, for helping United Way coordinate this annual event.

[Click Here](#) to go to our website for a listing of companies who generously allowed their employees the "day off" to participate in CCD and to view photos via flickr.



2009 Campaign Kickoff Featured Jack Hanna

Columbus Zoo Director Emeritus Jack Hanna and a few of his furry friends came to Delaware to greet and share with United Way supporters during the annual Greif Kickoff Breakfast. "You sit here this morning because you know what matters in life," Hanna shared. During Hanna's entertaining and educational presentation, he announced a financial gift to United Way of Delaware County.



"We are fortunate to have Jack's professional and personal support," said Brandon Feller, United Way of Delaware County President. "He's helping us communicate to donors the importance of giving where you live. Jack shared that even though he travels all over the world, he chooses to give to the community he comes home to."

Agency Highlight: Big Brothers Big Sisters

BBBS provides professionally screened adult volunteers to act as friends and role models to children from one-parent homes, giving these youth individual attention, guidance and friendship. Here's an example of how donors' gifts have impacted one child's life:

"Alissa has had the privilege of being matched to her Big Sister, Nancy, for the past six years. Nancy has been a consistent role model throughout this timeframe, encouraging Alissa to accomplish goals she identified when she first entered the mentoring program. With the friendship and guidance of her Big Sister, Alissa has always done well in school, even when faced with adversity in her home life. Over the years, Alissa's family has moved four times, and Alissa is often called upon by her mother to help care for her autistic younger brother. This past year, when her mother lost her job, Alissa was the sole provider for the household. She also played basketball, ran track, and mentored other children through a school program. While doing all of this, Alissa maintained a 3.5 GPA. Her senior year she excelled with a 4.0 GPA and is a key player on the varsity basketball team. Alissa has been accepted to two colleges and hopes to play basketball in college and graduate with an accounting degree."

Check us Out at Polaris



Next time you visit Polaris Fashion Place Mall take the escalator and look ahead! To help spread the word in the southern end of Delaware County, we've placed several United Way of Delaware County banners above the escalators. You might notice either of the banners, pictured here. The goal of these banners is to remind people to "give to the community they come home to." For those of us fortunate to be working - and shopping - hopefully a few shoppers will count their blessings and share some spare change.

How Joni Lives United



"By volunteering with United Way, I've been exposed to a wonderful cycle of giving and sharing within our community. Individuals and corporate donations are entrusted to United Way and in turn wisely and efficiently reinvested in our community for those in the most need. Serving as a United Way volunteer is a rewarding and gratifying experience."

-Joni Paxton
Community
Impact Council

Volunteers Needed

Like to work with numbers? Want to help low-income working families become financially stronger? Consider donating your time and expertise this winter with the Community Action Organization as a VITA volunteer. As a trained volunteer, you will help individuals complete their tax forms, often educating them about special credits and deductions to which they may be entitled, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit.

Volunteers receive free training and certification materials to prepare basic income tax returns. Typically,



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training is conducted in December.

If you'd like to help others in their desire to become more financially self-sufficient, contact Diana Rice at vitamanager@caodmu.org or call 740-369-1142.

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