

# Annual Report to Our Community 2009



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The United Way is all about **Community**, and in the past year it's also been about embracing **Challenges** and **Changes**. Many of our 33 partner agencies have seen an increase in the number of people utilizing their services, combined with a decrease in donations during these difficult economic times.

In our 68 years in the community, the United Way has developed a strong commitment to ensuring that quality services are available when they're needed and we serve as a critical source of funding for the 33 agencies that provide services right here in our community. But our commitment extends far beyond funding to include positive impacts in other areas in our community. We're excited to share details with you on the following pages.



## Special Thank You from The United Way Board President

I continue to be amazed by the generosity of this wonderful community in which we live. During this past year I have seen so many "neighbors helping neighbors", truly embracing our United Way theme of LIVE **U** NITED . . . NOW MORE THAN EVER. On behalf of the United Way Board and Staff, ***thank you*** for supporting the United Way and our 33 partner agencies. — Jenni Wendt, *United Way Board President*



United Way of Lewis & Clark County serves the people of  
Broadwater, Jefferson, and Lewis & Clark Counties.

# How United Way Impacts Our Community

## Raises Funds For Our Partner Agencies

The Board of Directors of your local United Way approved the distribution of \$525,240 to 31 agencies providing health and human services in Lewis & Clark, Broadwater & Jefferson Counties. This total included \$253,740 in donor choice dollars where contributors specified the agencies they wish to receive funds.

As the funding demonstrates, United Way covers a wide variety of community services that benefit local residents from youth to senior citizens.

In addition to agency funding, \$28,000 was reserved for specific community impact projects and the Website VolunteerHelena.org. An additional \$18,700 will be distributed to non-United Way agencies through the donor designation process.

## Collaborates On Community Issues

The United Way dedicates staff and financial resources to work in collaborative efforts with other local organizations to solve community issues. In 2009 United Way staff participated in the Hunger-Homeless Coalition, Youth Connections, and Helena Action Coalition on Homelessness (HATCH).

## Administers VolunteerHelena.org Website

Using grant assistance from our local Target, the United Way hosts and administers this Website to connect people interested in volunteering with non-profit and government agencies who need volunteers.

During 2009, VolunteerHelena.org resulted in 137 volunteers being referred to 29 different agencies . . . at absolutely no cost to the volunteers or to the agencies! For more information and a "tour", we encourage you to visit [www.VolunteerHelena.org](http://www.VolunteerHelena.org)

## Saves Helena Community Members \$100,000 on Prescription Drug Costs Through Discount Card

The United Way and our partner agencies have been distributing the FamilyWize Prescription Drug Discount Card since March 2009. As of the end of December, the card has been used 8429 times at participating pharmacies for a savings of nearly \$103,000 for individuals in the Helena area alone. That's a lot of money that has stayed in our community!

The FamilyWize discount card is available free of charge with no restrictions on age, income, or number of times it can be used. It is a great resource for those in our community who are uninsured or underinsured. More information is available at [www.FamilyWize.org](http://www.FamilyWize.org) or from the United Way office.

## Celebrates Community Volunteer Efforts

Congratulations to the following volunteers who received special recognition in 2009:

Dan Anderson—Volunteer of the Year  
Terey Artz—Betty Lou Lindstrom Award  
Dan Anderson & Larry Winslow—Campaign Awards  
Maynard Olson—Ron Waterman Community Service Award  
Rick & Jane Hays—Kay McKenna Community Service Award

## Coordinates Community Christmas Sharing

The United Way helps coordinate the annual Community Christmas Sharing. In December 2009, as a result of the collaboration between Helena Food Share, Good Samaritan Ministries and Thrift Store, Salvation Army, Toys for Tots and U.S. Marine Corps, and Cathedral of St. Helena and its parishioners:

- 1026 local households received food baskets
- 1431 local children received toys

To review the United Way's Statement of Financial Position, please visit our Website at [www.uwlcc.com](http://www.uwlcc.com) or visit our office at 75 E. Lyndale Avenue, Helena.

The United Way is audited annually by JCCS, CPA's.

**Using the donations made in our 2008 fall campaign, we were able to fund a total of \$525,240 to our agencies for the following programs in fiscal year 2009:**

**Angel Fund:** To assist low income youth in Helena schools with necessary school-related supplies.....\$24,000

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Helena:** To help children in need through professionally supported one to one mentoring relationships .....\$35,835

**Boy Scouts:** To prepare young people to become self-reliant and make positive choices .....\$10,539

**Breast and Cervical Health Program:** To assist low income women to prevent cancer with early detection through annual screenings.....\$5,500

**Broadwater County Social Services:** To promote the well-being of Broadwater County youth by participating in healthy community activities.....\$2,000

**Career Training Institute:** To provide support assistance for low income participants in job training programs.....\$9,500

**CASA—Advocates for Children:** To provide court appointed guardians on behalf of abused and neglected children.....\$10,292

**Catholic Social Services:** To provide help in adoption and counseling for young women and adoptive parents.....\$11,800

**Center for Mental Health—Care House:** To help cover the costs of persons residing in their voluntary residential short-term crisis stabilization facility.....\$4,236

**Child Care Partnerships:** To provide positive parenting education that promotes healthy family relationships.....\$18,634

**Compeer—RMDC:** To help match volunteer mentors with people who have mental illness so they can maintain their involvement in the community .....\$4,235

**Elkhorn Search & Rescue:** To help save lives in Jefferson County through search and rescue, disaster and emergency responses.....\$7,500

**Family Outreach:** To help serve persons with developmental disabilities and their families in a community home setting.....\$2,600

**Florence Crittenton Home:** To support day care services and the building of healthy and productive lives for young women and their babies.....\$25,400

**Friendship Center:** To provide shelter and support for victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children.....\$47,000

**Girl Scouts—Big Sky Council:** To help girls build courage, confidence and character .....\$9,000

**God's Love Shelter:** To provide shelter and food for homeless individuals and families .....\$56,708

**Good Samaritan Thrift Store:** To help low income persons in the community cover unexpected financial difficulties.....\$18,029

**Helena Food Share:** To provide food assistance to low income families and individuals..\$45,821

**Head Start Program—RMDC:** To provide a positive, supportive and safe learning environment for children and families.....\$6,806

**Home Delivered Meals—RMDC:** To assist homebound senior citizens to remain independent through meals delivered to their homes.....\$20,000

**Lewis & Clark AIDS Project:** To help with awareness, knowledge and to relieve suffering for those affected with AIDS.....\$5,000

**Lewis & Clark Literacy Council:** To help adults acquire reading, writing, math and English language skills through a volunteer tutoring program.....\$11,000

**Lewis & Clark Search & Rescue:** To help save lives in Lewis & Clark County through search, rescue and emergency responses.....\$18,001

**Montana Youth Homes—RMDC:** To provide physical and emotional shelter to youth whose safety, welfare and health are in jeopardy.....\$53,000

**Montana Veterans Foundation:** To provide transitional housing to Montana veterans who have found themselves homeless.....\$10,094

**PEERS Unlimited:** To provide opportunities for people with disabilities to have a better life.....\$11,500

**Retired & Senior Volunteers—RMDC:** To provide volunteer opportunities for people over 55, thereby helping them remain active and involved in their community.....\$7,000

**Salvation Army:** To help those needing assistance with financial difficulties.....\$10,010

**Wakina Multi-Cultural Education Center:** To provide an academic and cultural bridge for Native American children in an urban community.....\$5,000

**YMCA:** To provide low income youth with YMCA activity scholarships.....\$19,200

*Two new agencies, **Montana Supporting Soldiers** and **WestMont**, were accepted as new members for the 2009 United Way campaign.*

**Thank you Allocations Review Volunteers!**

Although the full United Way Board approved the allocation amounts, the allocation process involved a citizen review in which more than 45 local community members volunteered their time to meet with agency representatives and analyze their operations. Co-chairing the process were Steve Schmitt and Chris Miller. Assisting them were panel chairs Carol Lockwood, Steve Louttit, Dick Meeker, Luke Muszkiewicz, David Peretto and Robert Ward. Additional volunteers included Rachel Amdahl, Dan Anderson, Roberta Barrows, Angie Benedetti, Pat Bertagnolli, Steve Blom, Rita Blouke, Bill Butler, Amy Crawford, Virginia Cupp, Tim Curtin, Laurie Ekanger, Mark Esponda, Darla Fitzpatrick, Bethany Flint, Father Joe Harrington, Janet Herold, Monique Hirko-Damuth, John Ilgenfritz, Terri Kuntz, Brad Lancaster, Mary Lazarus, Sherron Massman, Tom McGree, Justin Mosness, Kristen Murray, Mark Reinsel, Jim Reynolds, Kay Robertson, Fritz Roos, Jan Schenk, Suzanne Severin, Marge Short, Bev Spojka, JoAnne Stephen, Sara Stromberg, Hiromi Tousey and Kathi Wenz.

**Want to participate in the 2010 Allocations Review?** You'll be part of an experienced team and we'll provide training. The time commitment is approximately 10 hours over 2-3 days in April—generally in the late afternoon and early evening. Please contact Cathy at the United Way for more information: 442-4360 or cathys@uwfcc.com.



Watch for our annual golf tournament in June. We've ordered perfect weather & a great time!



### The United Way is guided by a 37-member volunteer Board of Directors:


Rachel Amdahl - American Federal Savings Bank	Roxanne Meury - Edward Jones
Dan Anderson - Helena Food Share	Chris Miller - St. Peter's Hospital
Newell Anderson - Community Volunteer	Christian Piper - Target
Pat Bertagnolli - UPS	Mark Reinsel - Apex Engineering
Steve Blom - Galusha, Higgins, Galusha	Jim Reynolds - American Chemet
Laurie Ekanger - Community Volunteer	Jim Rickman - Independent Record
Mark Esponda - American Federal Savings Bank	Charles Rolling - Community Volunteer
Darla Fitzpatrick - New West	Jan Schenk - Schenk Insurance Agency
Mike Green - Crowley Fleck PLLP	Steve Schmitt - Northwestern Energy
Shannon Hall - Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana	Suzanne Severin- Anderson ZurMuehlen
Hal Jacobson - Community Volunteer	Anita Shontz - Morrison-Maierle, Inc.
Craig Johnson -Wal-Mart	JoAnne Stephen - AAA Mountain West
Cheryl Liedle - Community Volunteer	Hiromi Tousey - Costco
Carol Lockwood - Heritage Propane	Robert Ward - Enterprise Rent a Car
Steve Louttit -Wells Fargo Bank NA	Ron Waterman - Gough Shanahan Johnson & Waterman, Attorneys at Law
Sandi Luckey - Montana AFL-CIO	Jenni Wendt - Community Volunteer
Sherron Massman - Community Volunteer	Larry Winslow - Community Volunteer
Tom McGree - Montana International Insurance	Alice Otten - Honorary Member
Bruce Messenger - Helena School District No. 1	

#### 2009 Officers

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Robert Ward, Second Vice President  
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Shannon Hall, Immediate Past President

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LuAnn Copeland - Receptionist  
Mark Gerl - CFC  
Sara Stromberg - Carroll College Workstudy

We appreciate  for helping us "complete the puzzle" and make our community a better place to live. If we missed you during our fall campaign, your contribution would be greatly appreciated . . . **NOW MORE THAN EVER.** We invite you to use the convenience of giving through our Website at [www.uwlcc.com](http://www.uwlcc.com)

### Special Thank You To Local Businesses & Volunteers

Thank you to all of the local businesses and volunteers that made it possible for us to move to the United Way's new office location at 75 E. Lyndale! We greatly appreciate those who helped renovate the building so that it's clean and bright with parking and handicap-accessibility. Special thanks to the United Way Board members that dedicated many hours to this project, and to the following businesses and individuals for their generous assistance:

Clarence Hester, Architect	Patty Ladd
Dick Meeker	Polar Electric
Ed Starke	Pro Builders
Floor Show	Sara Stromberg
Goodman Remodeling & Construction	Scott Fitzpatrick Asbestos Abatement
John Ilgenfritz	UPS Employees
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