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2013 Annual Report

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Fox Valley United Way

Together We're Making a Difference in Our Community



*Don't tell me that there is a problem.
I already know that.
Show me that there are effective solutions.*

We don't have to tell you that folks in our community are struggling. You know that insufficiencies in income, education and health affect many of your neighbors.

So what are we doing about it?

*Forget temporary, band-aid solutions.
We are working together for lasting change.*

Not only are there answers, but they exist right here in the Fox Valley!

In our 2012–2013 campaign, concerned citizens and organizations joined with Fox Valley United Way again to **advance** the common good. Together we have been a powerful force for **real results** in our community, demonstrating to the world what it truly means to “Live United.”

This report is our chance to show you what progress looks like. How people committed to being a part of the change have improved quality of life for all of us in the Fox Valley.

Certainly there are significant needs still to be met. So we will continue to leverage the caring power of our community to make a difference for our neighbors in need. A difference that donors, advocates and volunteers can point to and say, “I was a part of making that happen.”



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Solutions are right in our community

We believe that the Fox Valley's greatest needs lie in the areas of education, income and health. That's why we work with the community to discover underlying causes of need in these areas, and then help individuals and families achieve their human potential — through social service agencies and community collaborations that advance educational opportunities, income stability and health promotion.

EDUCATION

- Early childhood development and school readiness programs
- Mentoring programs for at-risk youth
- After school programs for academics, arts, athletics

INCOME

- Basic needs — shelter, food, clothing, emergency assistance
- Employment and financial counseling
- Job training

HEALTH

- Access to low cost health care services
- Behavioral health and substance abuse treatment
- Health education and prevention programs

All it takes is a simple phone call or the click of a mouse to start making an impact.

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Let us know whether your passion is to give, advocate or volunteer. We will provide the right opportunity to put that desire to make a difference into action.

“IT MAKES US FEEL GOOD TO KNOW THE MONEY GOES BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY WHERE IT IS TRULY NEEDED.”

— Patrick Perez,
Kane County Sheriff

Bringing the Community Together

For the last 11 summers, hundreds of community members have gathered along the shores of Mastodon Lake in Aurora's Phillips Park for the "What Floats Your Cardboard Boat Race." Local businesses, organizations and families build, decorate and paddle a cardboard boat, competing against one another in a mad, wet dash across the finish line.

This year the race attracted 23 groups of competitors on a beautiful Saturday in August. The event kicks off our annual fundraising campaign, and is a chance for the social service agencies that we partner with to showcase their impact in the community (see the facing page for a list of our partners).

The City of Aurora makes this event possible every year — a testament to its support for the agencies that meet the many and varied needs of its citizens.



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OUR PARTNER AGENCIES during the 2012-2013 campaign

Funds raised by Fox Valley United Way support the work of health and human service agencies in the Kane and Kendall county communities we serve. We receive and review requests, then allocate the monies we raise to support specific agency programs.

African American Men of Unity, Aurora
Association for Individual Development, Aurora
Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center, Aurora
Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry, Aurora
Breaking Free, Inc., Aurora
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DayOneNetwork, Geneva
Elderday Center, Batavia
Family Counseling Service, Aurora
Family Focus, Aurora
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Fox Valley Hospice, Geneva
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Triple Threat Mentoring, Aurora
VNA Health Care, Aurora
Wayside Cross Ministries, Aurora
World Relief, Aurora
YMCA of Metro Chicago, Aurora and Oswego
YWCA Aurora, Aurora



Giving Children a Head Start

SPARK — Strong, Prepared And Ready for Kindergarten — was founded in 2012 by a coalition of leading civic organizations including Fox Valley United Way, the Dunham Fund, the City of Aurora, School District 129, 131, 204 and 308. Together with these partners, SPARK is working to ensure that every child in Aurora is on a trajectory towards success in school and in life.

The collaboration made it possible for Aurora to be chosen by the State of Illinois as one of seven communities to receive federal dollars from the Race to the Top—Early Learning Challenge Grant. Over the next four years, the nearly \$550,000 in funding will be used to improve the quality of early childhood learning opportunities and increase resources and access for at-risk children.

To date, SPARK has reached out to more than 600 families through resource fairs, parent/child trainings and a new website: sparkaurora.org. **The initiative has nearly doubled the number of eligible families in Aurora who are now approved to receive child care assistance — from 599 to 1107 — as well as the number of children participating in the program — from 1,198 to 2,214.**

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Helping the Community Save on Prescriptions



Too many people in our community struggle to afford their medications, and as a result, don't take them as prescribed. Yet not taking these medications in the short run can cause more problems in the long run. In fact, a 2011 Health Affairs study found that every dollar spent on drugs that stop the advancement of heart disease and diabetes saves \$3 to \$10 on other medical services down the road.

Fox Valley United Way has partnered with FamilyWize, a prescription drug discount card that can save users up to 75% in medication costs at their local pharmacy. The card is free and can be used by anyone, regardless of insurance coverage.

To date, **1,489 Fox Valley cardholders** have saved **\$124,890** with FamilyWize. We love participating in this program, because it impacts health and financial stability, two of the three areas that affect the common good.



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Stocking the Shelves of Local Food Pantries

After the first of the year, when area food pantries are low after bustling holiday demand, the Fox Valley United Way sponsors the Souper Bowl of Caring. Held each year on the Saturday before the Super Bowl, this event gathers youth volunteers to solicit food and monetary donations within our local Jewel-Osco stores, Montgomery Market Place and Prisco's Fine Foods.

Donations are then delivered to the Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry and the Kendall County Food Pantry to help restock their shelves. This year, our volunteers received **3,365 pounds of food and \$ 7,250 in cash donations.**

The best part is that in addition to the food donations, every dollar raised enables the pantries to purchase \$6 worth of food — making the **community impact this year worth more than \$43,500.**



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“LAST YEAR WE GAVE OUT ABOUT A MILLION POUNDS OF FOOD. THIS YEAR WE ARE HEADING TOWARD AN EVEN GREATER NUMBER THAN THAT.”

**— Marilyn Weisner,
Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry**



“THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTS. THANK YOU FOR PICKING US.”

— Donald, 5



Bringing Holiday Joy to Children in Need

It warms our hearts every year to witness the generosity of people in the Fox Valley at holiday time. Each autumn, Fox Valley United Way joins with area businesses, organizations, families and individuals for an adopt-a-child holiday assistance program.

Donors are matched with children that they can bless with presents and gift cards for a special holiday meal. In 2012, contributions provided **toys, clothing, gloves, hats, scarves and grocery gift cards to 113 needy families including 276 children.**

Each year, we hear amazing stories of changed lives as a result of this program, from those who gave and from those who received. It truly is a blessed time of year.



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Celebrating Our Heroes

Our favorite event happens each May, as we come together for the Fox Valley United Way Annual Breakfast. It's one of the hottest tickets in town, as the community gathers to hear stories of incredible generosity, changed lives and tireless efforts to make life better for others. That morning, we have the privilege of sharing real life examples of what the power of a loving and caring community can do.

Donors, volunteers and social service agencies are honored and awarded. Members of our board of directors, committee members and staff are applauded for their contributions. It's an inspiring celebration — and one that renews our spirits and our energy for the next year's campaign!



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OUR DONORS

A big thank-you to all the businesses and organizations who chose to make a difference in their community this year by supporting the Fox Valley United Way during the 2012-2013 campaign. We recognize and extend our appreciation to:

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“THE CITY OF AURORA HAS ALWAYS BEEN A COMMUNITY THAT CARES, BUT FOX VALLEY UNITED WAY IS CRITICAL TO MAINTAINING THE SAFETY NET FOR ALL OF OUR PEOPLE.”

— Mayor Tom Weisner,
City of Aurora

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The Board of Directors and staff of Fox Valley United Way sincerely thank all of the volunteers who served on the Fox Valley United Way's committees during the 2012-2013 campaign.

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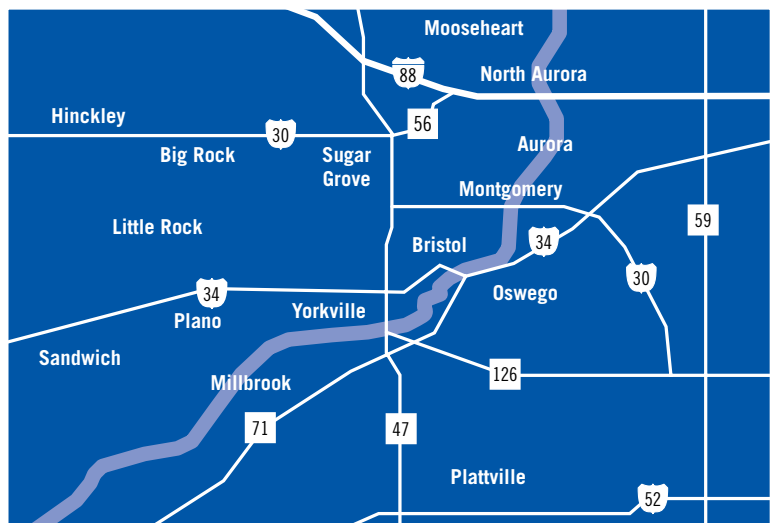
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OUR SERVICE AREA

Fox Valley United Way provides support to health and human services agencies serving 15 communities in Kane and Kendall Counties.

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OUR FINANCIAL REPORT

Fox Valley households, individuals and businesses came together during yet another difficult economy to meet the challenge of helping their friends and neighbors. The following data indicate where funds were raised and how they were distributed during the 2012-2013 campaign.

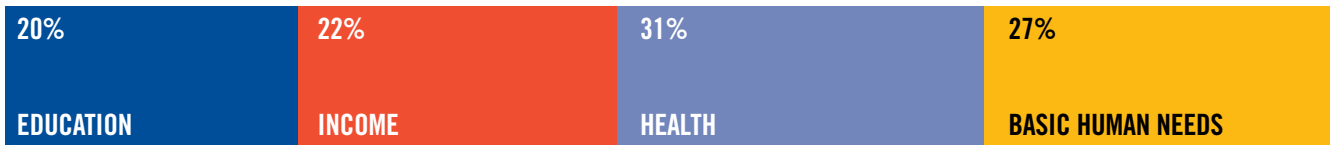
WHERE WE RAISE MONEY

We obtain funds from three basic and traditional sources:



WHERE WE ALLOCATE FUNDS

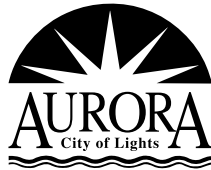
We allocate funds based upon requests from our 52 partner agencies to support specific programs. Generally, our funding priorities fall into four high-impact community need categories:



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Some are internationally known giants, others have a smaller marketplace. But all provide significant support to the Fox Valley United Way. Support comes in the form of corporate grants and gifts, as well as in-kind services during the 2012-2013 campaign.

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LIVE UNITED

United Way is a worldwide network that advances the common good, creating opportunities for a better life for all by focusing on the three key building blocks of education, income and health. The United Way movement creates long lasting community change by addressing the underlying causes of problems that prevent progress in these areas.

LIVE UNITED is a call to action for everyone to become a part of the change. Join us. With your help, we can make a difference in the Fox Valley community today.



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