

2008 FOX VALLEY UNITED WAY LIVE UNITED™



Fox Valley United Way

People are what Fox Valley
United Way is all about, in fact,
what we have been about since
our founding 86 years ago.



We're donors, volunteers, advocates... people like you... who come together to provide assistance to the individuals and families in the Fox Valley area who need help.

We're moms, dads, business owners, managers, employees, retired folks. We're people united to make a difference in the 14 communities we serve, where making a difference matters most.

Where we live and work. Need certainly exists: The hungry.

The homeless. Seniors seeking assistance that ranges from window washing and leaf raking to rides to the doctor. Teens and younger kids who scarcely dare to hope that someone cares.

We're proud of the programs Fox Valley United Way supports — more than 120 health and human service programs that, for example, help single mothers find a job, a place to live and affordable child care... provide teens with an alternative to gangs... aid individuals as they battle their substance abuse... assist struggling families with service at the food pantry.

Our essential role is to raise money. We rely upon dollars donated by employees participating in company campaigns; sponsorships from businesses that believe in their communities; donations large and small from individuals throughout the Fox Valley.

Then we allocate funds to the more than 50 local social service agencies we serve... partner organizations that have asked us to support designated programs that reach out to people who are in need.

We truly do Live United. We support each other.

Here's how you can help.



Financial resources are important, of course. But although Fox Valley United Way ultimately seeks funds for the agencies we serve, donations come in many welcome forms:

GIVE. Individuals participate in two ways: By making personal contributions that support our cause or through Fox Valley United Way workplace campaigns.

Businesses sponsor United Way fundraising drives. We help by providing speakers and materials for employee educational meetings. We'll even explain how employee teams can enter our annual What Floats Your Cardboard Boat Race!

Businesses also can underwrite Fox Valley United Way special events — or, equally as important, provide grants and donations so that even more of the money we raise goes to the community through our partner agencies.

ADVOCATE. Whether it's wellness clinics...advocacy for abused or neglected children...a crisis hotline...hospice...or one of the many other programs Fox Valley United Way supports, causes need champions.

We seek people to speak out in support of their favorite programs...to advocate on behalf of at-risk populations...to get involved in alerting the greater community to needs that should be met.

VOLUNTEER. You might answer phones at the help desk one day a week... be a big brother or big sister to kids who need someone who will listen...serve hot meals... help the disabled find their way. The truth is that our partner agencies throughout the Fox Valley need volunteers...people who can give time as well as dollars, people who have more time than funds to give. We need each other.

How to get started: Log on to www.uwfoxvalley.org or call Fox Valley United Way, at 630-896-4636. Tell us you want to help...and how you'd like to be involved. We'll put you in touch with the right people at the right organizations.

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Community Events

Our staff and volunteers focus their efforts on fundraising and disbursement — reaching out to the community for contributions that we allocate to our 52 partner social service agencies — based, of course, on their requests.

During the year, the following three special events highlight our community event activities.

What Floats Your Cardboard Boat Race

Held in August along the shores of Mastodon Lake at Phillips Park, Aurora, this signature event draws hundreds of participants and spectators — and is the kick-off of Fox Valley United Way's annual fundraising campaign.

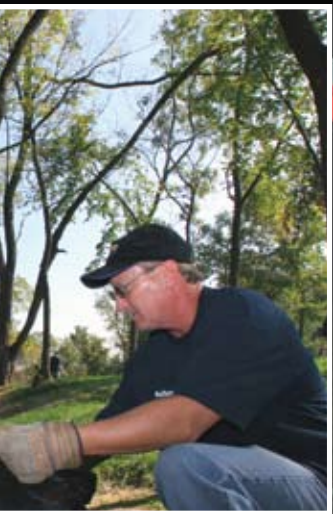
Annual Breakfast

An opportunity to thank the many people who have supported United Way and its partner agencies, our Annual Breakfast, held in May, also allows us to report our activities to the community.

Day of Caring

During this June event volunteers reach out and extend a helping hand to make a difference in the community. A collaboration between Fox Valley United Way, city and county governments, and local churches, our Day of Caring brings hundreds of volunteers together in clean-up, fix-up activities where a little hard work goes a long way. Day of Caring volunteers paint...plant flowers and trim landscaping...install cabinets — whatever needed projects can be completed in a happy day of volunteering.





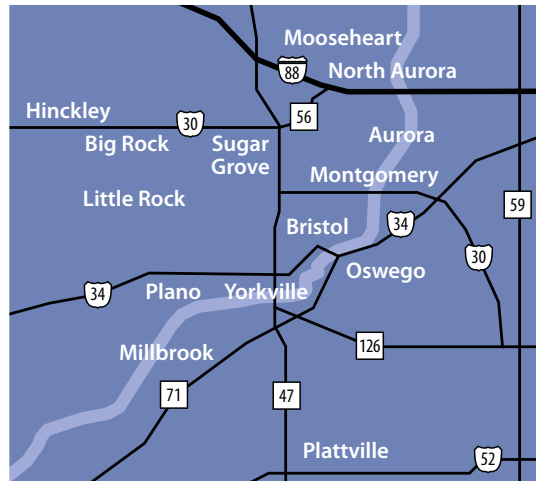
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The Communities We Serve

Fox Valley United Way provides support to social service agencies in 14 communities in Kane and Kendall counties:

- Aurora**
- Big Rock**
- Bristol**
- Hinckley**
- Little Rock**
- Millbrook**
- Montgomery**
- Mooseheart**
- North Aurora**
- Oswego**
- Plano**
- Plattville**
- Sugar Grove**
- Yorkville**



Our Partner Agencies

Funds raised by Fox Valley United Way support the work of 52 social service agencies in the 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 Services, Aurora**
- Aurora Fox Valley First Book, Oswego**
- Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry, Aurora**
- Breaking Free, Inc., Aurora**
- Camp Fire USA Illinois, Lombard**
- Camp Kishwaukee, Plano**
- CASA – Kane County, Geneva**
- CASA – Kendall County, Yorkville**
- Catholic Charities of Aurora, Aurora**
- Community Benefits, Yorkville**
- Community Career Center, Naperville**
- Day One Network, Geneva**
- Elderday Center, Inc., Batavia**
- Family Counseling Service, Aurora**
- Family Focus, Aurora**
- FITE Center for Independent Living, Aurora**
- Fox Valley Carpenter's Place, Aurora**
- Fox Valley Hospice, Geneva**
- Fox Valley YMCA, Plano**
- Gateway Foundation, Aurora**

- Girl Scouts – Fox Valley, Sugar Grove**
- Golden Harvesters Senior Citizens, Plano**
- H.A.L.T. Club, Yorkville**
- Hope for Tomorrow, Inc., Aurora**
- Joseph Corporation, Aurora**
- Kane County Health Department, Aurora**
- Kendall County Health Department, Yorkville**
- L.I.F.E. Support Incorporated, Aurora**
- Marie Wilkinson Child Development Center, Aurora**
- Mutual Ground, Aurora**
- Open Door Clinic, Aurora**
- Open Door Rehabilitation Clinic, Sandwich**
- Operation Snowball, Plano**
- Oswego Family YMCA, Oswego**
- People for Child Care, Aurora**
- Plano Youth Athletic Association, Plano**
- Plano Youth Tackle Football, Plano**
- Prairie State Legal Services, Batavia**
- Public Action to Deliver Shelter, Aurora**
- Quad County Urban League, Aurora**
- Rachel's Place, Aurora**
- RITAS Ministry, Aurora**
- Salvation Army, Aurora**
- Salvation Army Golden Diners, Geneva**
- Senior Services, Aurora**
- Suicide Prevention, Batavia**
- Three Fires Council Boy Scouts, St. Charles**
- Visiting Nurse Association, Aurora**
- YMCA Heritage Group, Aurora**
- YWCA Aurora, Aurora**

Fox Valley United Way: The Leadership Team

With a small, professional paid staff, Fox Valley United Way relies upon volunteers to accomplish many of its goals. In the past year, our Board of Directors has shown exceptional fortitude and leadership abilities:

Chair

Melinda James

Waubonsee Community College

Vice chair

Cheryl Maraffio

Community Advocate

Secretary

Alma Harrell

Community Volunteer

Resource Development Chair

Treasurer

Fred Nelson

Dreyer Medical Clinic

Members

Pablo Alvarez

East Aurora High School

Brian Basilico

B2B Interactive Marketing
Marketing Committee Chair

Chris Del Vecchio

Caterpillar

Marilyn Michelini

Village of Montgomery

Rick Nagel

The Beacon News

Joel Ottosen

Castle Insurance
Nominating Committee Chair

Ronald Ramer

Aurora University

Scott Roscoe

Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 501

Dick Schindel

Retired, East Aurora High School
Community Events Committee Chair

Kimberly Skarupski

Rush University
Community Impact Chair

Linda Wheeler

Community Liaison
Strategic Planning Chair

***The following individuals
will join the Fox Valley United Way
Board July 1, 2008:***

Thomas Lindblom

Retired, Waubonsee Community
College

former executive director/campus
operations

John W. Potter

Retired, Dreyer Medical Clinic
former CEO

***The professional staff at
Fox Valley United Way:***

Chief Executive Officer

Michael Meyer

Director of Administrative Services

Deborah Collins

Director of Community Impact

Deanna Cross

Our Sponsors and Supporters

In addition to supporting employee campaigns, many local businesses — some globally known, some with a smaller focus — provide additional support to Fox Valley United Way. Most often, the support comes in the form of corporate grants and gifts. Smaller businesses sometimes provide in-kind services.

2007–2008 Corporate Campaign Sponsors:

**Caterpillar
City of Aurora
Old Second
The Beacon News**

2007–2008 In-Kind Sponsors:

121 Marketing Resources, Inc.
B2b Interactive Marketing
Clear Belief Systems, Inc.
Dick's Mini Donuts

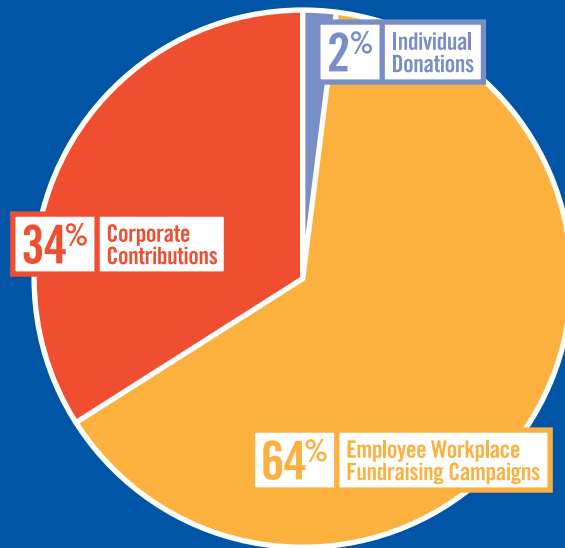


Financial Report

2007 was a time to re-establish and validate Fox Valley United Way's fundraising and allocations processes — and begin once again to embrace the Fox Valley community of supporters and recipients. The following data indicate where funds were raised and how they were distributed during our 2007–2008 campaign.

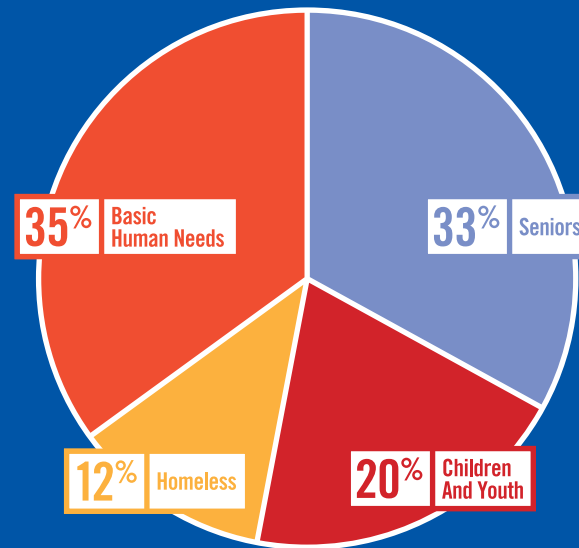
Where We Raise Money

We obtain funds from three basic and traditional sources: workplace fundraising campaigns, corporate contributions and individual donations.



Where We Allocate Funds

We allocate funds according to the needs of our 52 partner agencies, responding to requests they make for specific programs. Generally, our funding priorities fall into four high-impact community need categories: basic human needs... homelessness... children and youth... and seniors.



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