



UNITED TO GIVE: THE FOX VALLEY RESPONDS

2009 Fox Valley United Way Report to the Community

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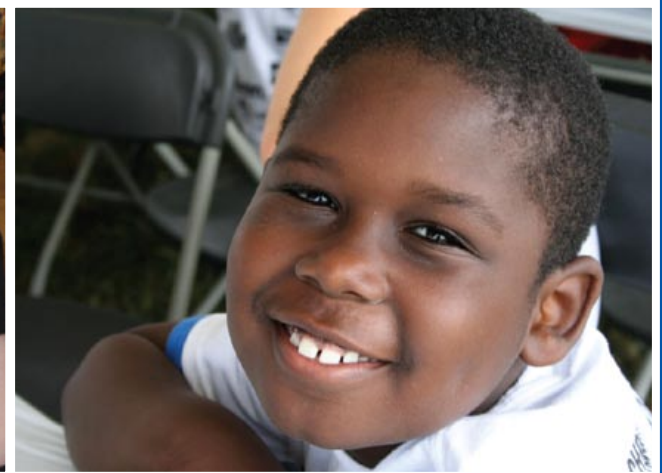


Fox Valley United Way

There's no need to document the economic difficulties that have forced a record number of Fox Valley individuals and households to seek assistance from the 50-plus health and human service agencies we serve. The recession... lost jobs...and foreclosed homes have been as familiar in the Fox Valley as they have been across the nation.

What has made a vital difference is the remarkable way businesses, individuals and families in our communities have responded — supporting Fox Valley United Way and, through us, the social service agencies we support.

Photos below (left to right): Mayor Weisner at the 2008 Day of Caring; Volunteers at the 2009 Souper Bowl of Caring; Player at the 2008 Chris Brown Football Camp.



- In just one day, community members donated a record 4,000 pounds of non-perishable food items for the Aurora Interfaith and Kendall County food pantries during the annual **Souper Bowl of Caring**. Cash donations totaled more than \$5,000, which the food pantries leveraged into \$30,000 worth of groceries for hungry families. Every area **Jewel-Osco** store participated. So did the **Montgomery Market Place, Prisco's Fine Foods** and **El Guero** — along with 142 of Fox Valley United Way volunteers and students from eight area schools and youth groups.
- County Sheriffs **Pat Perez** (Kane) and **Dick Randall** (Kendall) lent their stature and contacts by serving as co-chairs of the 2008–2009 Fox Valley United Way campaign.
- **Caterpillar** hosted our campaign kickoff news conference and presented a check for \$100,530.
- **The Dunham Fund**, a private local foundation created to honor the philanthropic and entrepreneurial legacies of Aurora businessman **John C. Dunham**, established a special **Dunham Emergency Assistance Fund** within Fox Valley United Way, to help meet the demand for basic human needs. The Dunham Fund seeded the program with a generous \$50,000 gift — and a pledge to match additional funds raised by Fox Valley United Way, up to \$100,000. **Old Second National Bank** was the first local business to respond to the challenge.
- The **Aurora Beacon News** and **Kendall County Record** newspapers along with radio stations **WERV** (The River) and **WSPY** donated thousands of dollars worth of media for announcements about Fox Valley United Way and its campaign.

The fact is, however, that every contribution — large or small — has been significant. In this time of crisis for so many of our friends and neighbors, the Fox Valley community has stepped up to be counted — a heartfelt embodiment of the LIVE UNITED principle.





2008 Chris Brown Football Camp.
Photo by Karen Spence.

United...together...we make a big difference in the Fox Valley.

GIVE. Giving takes many forms. Financial contributions...from individuals who send checks or donate online at our website, www.uwfoxvalley.org, and from businesses that sponsor employee campaigns and (often) match funds...certainly are important. But so are the other tenets of United Way.

ADVOCATE. We need people to speak up and speak out in support of their favorite programs — food pantries...homeless shelters...wellness clinics. The more advocates our agency partners have, the more good we can do together.

VOLUNTEER. Take registrations at the boat race...provide transportation for seniors...mentor an at-risk teen. Our partner agencies need volunteers; there is a place for you, your time and your willingness to help.

Becoming involved is easy. Simply log on to www.uwfoxvalley.org or call Fox Valley United Way at 630-896-4636. Tell us you want to help. To Give. To Advocate. To Volunteer. We'll connect you with the organizations where your assistance will make a difference.



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Community Events

Our staff and volunteers work tirelessly to raise funds and distribute monies to our partner health and human service agencies. During the year, we undertake some special activities that make the effort all the more worthwhile.

What Floats Your Cardboard Boat Race

Hundreds of spectators come to Aurora's Phillips Park in August to cheer as their favorite cardboard boats race around a special Mastodon Lake course. The race is our Campaign Kickoff Event. Food. Prizes. Lots of fun and splashes.

*Photos below (left to right):
Chris Brown and player at the 2008 Chris Brown Football Camp;
Day of Caring volunteers working at Mutual Ground; Advocates at the 2008 Annual Breakfast; Caterpillar Crew crossing the finish line at the 6th Annual Cardboard Boat Race.*

Holiday Assistance

Fox Valley United Way teams with the Greater Aurora Chamber of Commerce in a special Adopt-a-Family holiday program – and partners with a community of local churches, social service organizations, government agencies and individuals to distribute Christmas presents to more than 400 individuals (including 225 children) in the Eastwood neighborhood of Aurora.

Souper Bowl of Caring

A communitywide effort the day before the NFL's Super Bowl game, this annual event brings together more than 100 youth volunteers with local Jewel-Osco and independent grocery stores to help collect food and money to support area food pantries.

Annual Breakfast

Volunteers galore break bread... share heartwarming stories... and participate as we thank the many people and organizations that support Fox Valley United Way and its partner agencies. Held in May, the Annual Breakfast is our opportunity to report to the community on our activities.

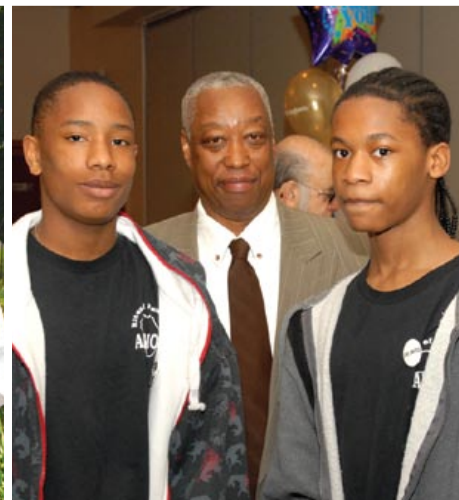
Day of Caring

This June event brings more than 500 volunteers together in clean-up, fix-up activities at local organizations where Helping Hands are needed to make budget dollars go further. A collaboration of Fox Valley United Way with local government, community groups, area churches and individuals, Day of Caring

volunteers paint... wash windows... plant flowers... fix sticky doors—take on whatever projects can be completed in a happy day of volunteering.

Chris Brown Football Camp

We join with local NFL star Chris Brown's Next Level Foundation in a program that teaches area youngsters football and life skills. 300 youth and more than 100 volunteers are involved in this two-day event in July. Other sponsors include the City of Aurora, Heritage YMCA, Aurora Housing Authority and Ginger Creek Community Church.





Saturday, January 31, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Needed Items

- boxed pasta
- boxed stuffing
- corned
- ground butter & jelly
- drink mixes (Kool-Aid)
- canned fruit
- staple condiments
- toilet paper
- paper towels & napkins
- breakfast / granola bars
- crackers
- canned/packaged soups
- instant potatoes
- rice & beans
- other non-perishable food
- or make a cash donation at the store exit

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Jewel-Osco

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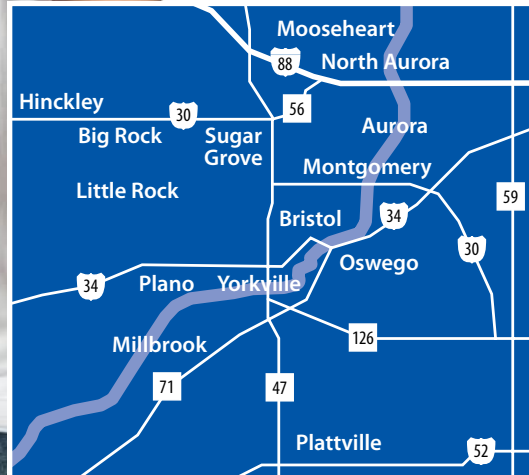
Souper Bowl of Caring volunteers at Jewel-Osco, Aurora.

The Communities We Serve



Fox Valley United Way provides support to health and human service agencies serving 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 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 Services, Aurora
- Aurora Fox Valley First Book, Oswego
- Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry, Aurora
- Aurora University, 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
- Center for Rural Psychology, Elburn
- Child Care Resource and Referral, Joliet
- Community Benefits, Yorkville
- Community Career Center, Naperville
- Day One Network, Geneva
- Elderday Center, Inc., Batavia
- Family Counseling Service, Aurora
- Family Focus, Aurora
- Fox Valley Academy of Music, Aurora
- Fox Valley Carpenter's Place, Aurora
- Fox Valley Hospice, Geneva
- Fox Valley YMCA, Plano
- Gateway Foundation, Aurora
- Girls Scouts – Fox Valley, Sugar Grove
- Golden Harvesters Senior Citizens, Plano
- Greenman Elementary School, Aurora
- H.A.L.T. Club, Yorkville
- Hope for Tomorrow, Inc., Aurora
- Joseph Corporation, Aurora
- KCHAIN, Aurora
- Kendall County Food Pantry
- 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
- Prairie State Legal Services, Batavia
- Public Action to Deliver Shelter, Aurora
- Quad County Urban League, 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
- World Relief, Aurora
- YMCA Heritage Group, Aurora
- YWCA Aurora, Aurora

Our Sponsors and Supporters

Some are internationally known giants, others have a smaller marketplace. But all provide important 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.

2008–2009 Campaign Sponsors

Corporate

Caterpillar

Old Second

City of Aurora

The Beacon News

Kendall County Record
Newspapers

WERV (The River)

WSPY

In-Kind

121 Marketing Resources, Inc.

B2b Interactive Marketing

Clear Belief Systems, Inc.

Dick's Mini Donuts

Malcolm Wolf Inc.



Fox Valley United Way 2008–2009 Campaign Co-Chairs, Kane County Sheriff, Pat Perez and Kendall County Sheriff, Dick Randall. Photo by Donnell Collins. Photos below (left to right): Painting at Marie Wilkinson Child Development Center for the 2008 Day of Caring; Volunteers at the 2008 6th Annual Cardboard Boat Race.



Our Leadership Team



With a small, professional paid staff, Fox Valley United Way relies upon volunteer directors to help us achieve our goals:

Board of Directors

- Melinda James**
Chair
Waubensee Community College
- Kimberly Skarupski**
Vice-Chair
Rush University
- Fred Nelson**
Treasurer
Humana Inc.
- Alma Harrell**
Secretary
Community Volunteer

Board Members

- Brian Basilico**
B2b Interactive Marketing
- Gail Bumgarner**
Rush-Copley Medical Center
- Chris Del Vecchio**
Caterpillar
- Joseph Harmon**
East Aurora High School
- Tom Lindblom**
Bristol Kendall Fire Department
- Marilyn Michelini**
Village of Montgomery
- Rick Nagel**
The Beacon News
- Joel Ottosen**
Castle Insurance
- John Potter**
Retired, Dreyer Medical Clinic
- Scott Roscoe**
Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 501
- Dick Schindel**
Retired, East Aurora High School
- Linda Wheeler**
Community Liaison

Professional Staff

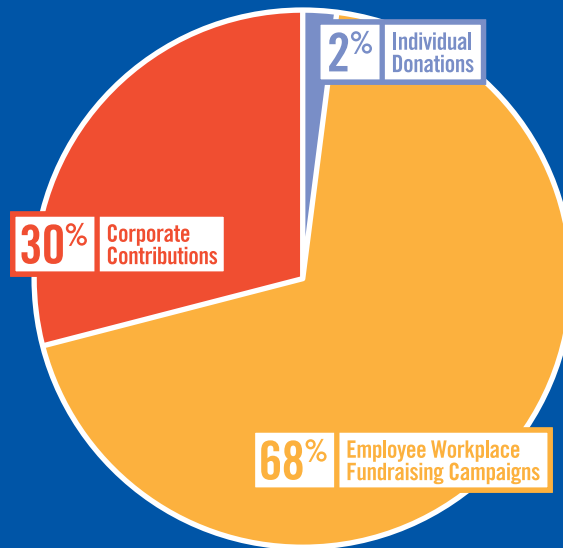
- Michael Meyer**
Chief Executive Officer
- Deborah Collins**
Director of Administration
- Deanna Cross**
Director of Community Impact

Financial Report

Despite the most difficult economic crisis since the 1930s, Fox Valley households, individuals and businesses came together to meet the challenge of helping their friends and neighbors. The following data indicate where funds were raised and how they were distributed during our 2008–2009 campaign.

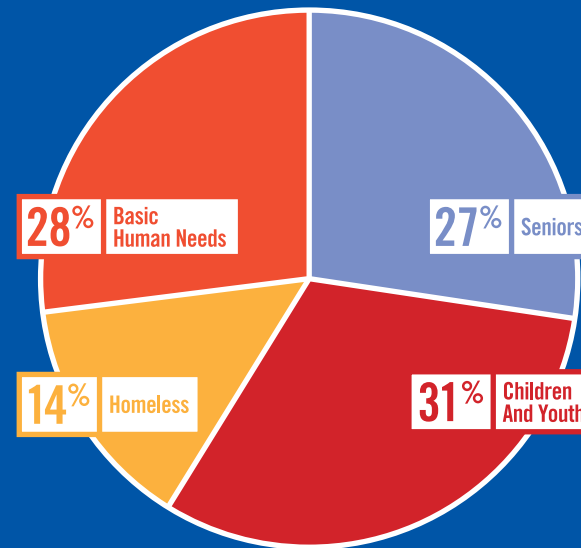
Where We Raise Money

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



Where We Allocate Funds

We allocate funds based upon requests from our 56 partner agencies to support 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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*Kendall County volunteers at the Fox Valley United Way
2008 Day of Caring in Yorkville, Illinois.*