

Community Matters

A monthly newsletter from your United Way



United Way of Greater Monroe County, MS

2009 Fund Distribution Nearing Completion

The most important time of the United Way year is almost complete. Each year following our fall campaign, the United Way of Greater Monroe County allocates funds to local agencies for local services.

For this critical task we turn to United Way donors and volunteers to serve as our Fund Distribution Committee. Our Fund Distribution Committee divides into teams and the applicant agencies are assigned to each team. The Fund Distribution Committee reviews agency application and interviews agency staff. Funding recommendations are then made to the United Way Board of Directors. This year our Fund Distribution meetings were held on Tuesday, February 3rd at Renasant Bank in Amory and on Thursday, February 5th at Georgia Gulf Corp. in Aberdeen.

United Way thanks all our volunteers and donors for their continued support.

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Calendar of Events

Contact United Way to make
Memorials or Honorariums

Check out United Way's
updated web site

www.monroecountyunitedway.org

United Way of Greater Monroe County

2009 Member Agencies

Contact Helpline

Alpha House Home for Boys

Amory Food Pantry

Sally Kate Winters Family Services

First Friends

Monroe County 4-H

*Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Amory Meals on Wheels

National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD)

*Funds administered by United Way

FAITH Food Pantry

American Red Cross

Survival, Inc.

Faith Haven

Gardner Simmons Home for Girls

Regional Rehabilitation Center

2009 Fund Distribution Committee

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United Way of Greater Monroe County

Current Scope of Services



United Way of Greater Monroe County is an independent locally based effort that seeks to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of our community. United Way is a non-profit charitable organization governed by a local volunteer board of directors that is broadly representative of the county.

In addition to making grants to local nonprofit organizations, we also operate five locally developed Community Focus Programs.

UNITED WAY COMMUNITY FOCUS PROGRAMS

WAY TO WORK: Work Force Training Skills for Youth



Aberdeen Office: 101 West Commerce St., Aberdeen, MS., 662-369-6997

The Way to Work: Workforce Training Skills for Youth Program is a United Way Special Initiative funded by a Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Grant from the Three Rivers Planning & Development District, Inc. and The Mississippi Partnership Local Workforce Investment Area, known as "The Mississippi Partnership". The Way to Work: Workforce Training Skills for Youth Program targets out-of-school youth who are high school dropouts as well as youth who have graduated but are basic-skills deficient, unemployed, or under-employed. The goal of the program is to lead youth to self-sufficiency through GED attainment; full-time, long-term employment; and/or post-secondary educational opportunities. Way to Work operates in Monroe, Lee and Itawamba Counties.

MONROE COUNTY FAMILIES FIRST RESOURCE CENTER



Aberdeen Office: 101 West Commerce St., Aberdeen, MS., 662-369-6997
Amory Office: 119 South Main Street, Amory, MS.

Provide a variety of family support services to enhance the lives of both the parents and their children. Programs will aid parents in creating and/or maintaining safe and health home environments that nurture children and build family stability. Programs include Health Marriage Education, Parenting Education, Responsible Fatherhood Education and Abstinence Education.

UNITED WAY STUDENT NURSING ACADEMY



Aberdeen Office: 101 West Commerce St., Aberdeen, MS., 662-369-6997

This program is designed for serious minded youth ages 18-21 who are interested in a career in nursing. Students participate in a nurse shadowing program which includes classroom and clinical training. All expenses are paid for those students who are accepted into the program. This includes: scrub sets, lab coats, hospital kits (stethoscope, etc.), testing and State Board exam fees. Students completing the program will be licensed Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs).

ARTS ACROSS THE AGES RESOURCE CENTER

119 South Main Street, Amory, MS., 257-1772 or 257-0557



The Arts Across the Ages center provides programs for cultural, dramatic, and fine arts for children, youth and adults in Monroe County. Many activities at the Center are free of charge; however a small fee is collected for some classes to cover materials, supplies and refreshments.

SCOUTING VENTURE GRANTS



United Way makes Venture Grants available to local Boy and Girl Scout Troops. Scouting Venture Grants encourage participation in scouting in Monroe County by providing funds for camper ships, uniforms, and equipment.

A Look Back: United Way Services in 2008

With your help, United Way
provided over 50,732 services to Monroe County Residents last year.

Helping Children and Families Succeed



The Numbers: *Compiled by United Way from Member Agency Quarterly and Annual Reports*

- 2,834 Services were provided in this category

The Agencies: *Key Agencies engaged in providing these services*

- Alpha House Home for Boys, Faith Haven, Gardner Simmons Home for Girls, Sally Kate Winters Family Services

The Service: *How we have helped our community*

- Providing children and families given a safe environment, free from abuse or neglect. Giving our youth and children the opportunity to participate in character building programs and learn independent living skills.

Strengthening Resources / Providing Emergency Assistance



The Numbers: *Compiled by United Way from Member Agency Quarterly and Annual Reports*

- 32,340 Services were provided in this category

The Agencies: *Key Agencies engaged in providing these services*

- American Red Cross Tenn-Tom Chapter, Amory Food Pantry, Amory Meals on Wheels, Contact Helpline, FAITH Food Pantry, Monroe County 4-H, Survival, Inc.

The Service: *How we have helped our community*

- Families and children given food, clothing and shelter and meals delivered to the elderly and disabled. Information and referrals provided 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week, providing a helping and listening ear to the elderly and homebound or those in a crisis situation.

Promoting Health and Independence



The Numbers: *Compiled by United Way from Member Agency Quarterly and Annual Reports*

- 6,395 Services were provided in this category

The Agencies: *Key Agencies engaged in providing these services*

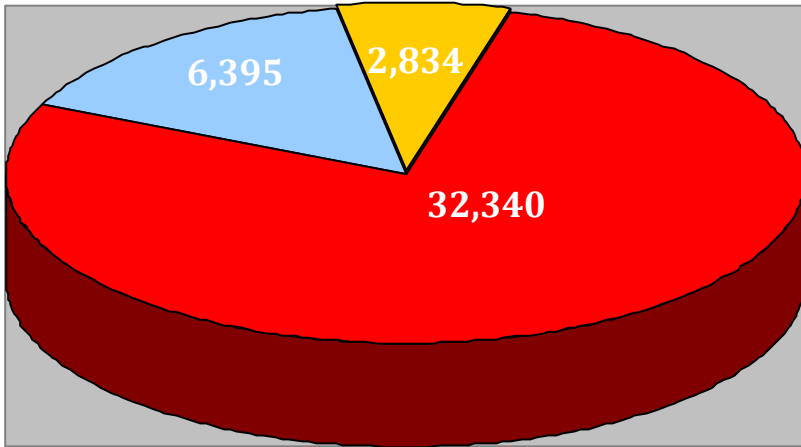
- First Friends Alzheimer's Support Center, Regional Rehabilitation Center, National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD), Women First Cancer Support and Resource Center

The Service: *How we have helped our community*

- Helped in the fight against substance abuse among youth and adults; provided therapy to improve the quality of life for handicapped children and adults. Provided life saving information about breast cancer and Alzheimer's.

A Look Back: 2008 Progress

United Way Member Agencies: 41,569 Services



Helping Children and Families Succeed



**Strengthening Resources/
Providing Emergency Assistance**

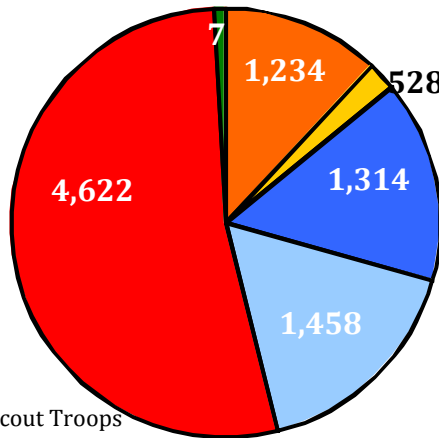


Promoting Health and Independence

United Way Community Focus Programs: 9,163

Services Include:

- Christmas Assistance
- Emergency Services
- GED Recipients
- Arts Across the Ages After School Activities
- 2,500 Free Books Distributed
- 1,992 Bottles of Free Vitamins Distributed
- 92 Packages of Free Diapers Distributed
- 7 Scouting Venture Grants for Boys Scout and Girl Scout Troops



- Way to Work (WIA)
- Families First Resource Center
- Arts Across the Ages
- Information/Referrals
- Emergency Assistance
- Scouting Venture Grants

United Way

Always at work in our community ...because Community Matters!

