

Community Matters

A monthly newsletter from your United Way



United Way of Greater Monroe County, MS

Campaign Kickoff: Share the Harvest



United Way's 2010 Campaign Kickoff is right around the corner.

"Share the Harvest" is this year's theme.

This year we are hosting our annual Campaign Kickoff at our Arts Across the Ages/Resource Center location at 119 South Main Street, Amory on Tuesday, September 29, 2009 at 12 Noon.

Watch for more information coming soon.

As we begin our 2010 Campaign, we hope you will make the United Way of Greater Monroe County part of your charitable giving this year. We encourage your business or YOU as an individual to be a partner in this year's Campaign. It only takes 5 minutes to make a difference in your community. With your support, we will continue to help identify and meet community needs, such as funding volunteer fire departments, local food pantries and children's homes.

United Way uses the funds raised during our annual campaign to fund our Member Agencies and provide Venture Grants. Your partnership with United Way will make a difference. See page 3 for how your money is at work through one of our agencies, Contact Helpline. Thanks to Contact Director, Lindy Thomason, for submitting this information.

On behalf of our agencies, thank you for giving to United Way of Greater Monroe County. Please call 257-0557 if you'd like to schedule a campaign at your business or need any additional information.

11th Annual Golf Tournament Success

United Way

volunteers and supporters

Another successful golf tournament is behind us.....

As you know, United Way is truly a group effort.

That is never more clearly demonstrated than during our golf tournaments.

Thanks to all of you, this year (our 11th) was again successful.

*Patti H. Parker
Executive Director*

September 2009

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Calendar of Events

Campaign Kickoff

Tuesday, September 29

United Way

Art Across the Ages location

Contact United Way to make
Memorials or Honorariums

Check out United Way's
updated web site

www.monroecountyunitedway.org

*"To share often and
much . . . To know even
one life has breathed
easier because you have
lived, this is to have
succeeded."*

Ralph Waldo Emerson



Thank You! Thank You!



11th Annual Golf Tournament Sponsors

Gilmore Memorial Regional Medical Center

Community Bank

Amory Meals on Wheels
Lane Furniture
Heritage Inn & Suite
Ray Jones
First Friends

Faith Haven
Amory Kiwanis
Amory Realty
Golf 1st
Contact Helpline

Linda Holden
Pizza Hut
Walgreens
FAITH Food Pantry
Amory Food Pantry

Galloway, Chandler, McKinney
Amory Golf Course

True Temper
ITT Industries

NEMS United Way
A Touch of Serenity

C & D Lumber
Diane and Buddy Bryant
American Red Cross

Dick's Sporting Goods
Survival, Inc.
Sally Kate Winters Family Services

Piggly Wiggly
Alpha House
Sherwin Williams

Steve Greenhaw / Sterne Agee
Monroe County 4-H

Pro Golf
Stanford Communication / FM95

Regional Rehabilitation Center
Jerry Atwell

Monroe County Shopper / Star Printing

Monroe County Chamber of Commerce

*We appreciate your participation in our annual golf tournament.
We could not have done it without your support.*

Congratulations Golf Tournament Winners!



1st Place:

Bancorp South Nettleton Team

Brian Phillips, Joe Banco, Brody Mask, Jason Caldwell



2nd Place:

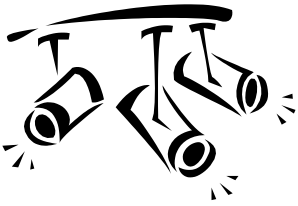
**Matt Thomas, Chad Dill,
Chad Jones & Chris Jones**



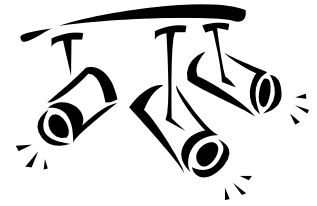
3rd Place:

**Billy Fikes, Tim Robbins,
Van Yates, Chris Thomas**





United Way Agency Spotlight: Contact HelpLine



WHAT A DIFFERENCE A CALL MAKES



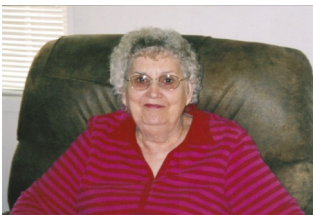
Contact Helpline provides many services for your community.

Story submitted by: Lindy Thomason, Contact Helpline

Our mission statement is to provide both telephone crisis intervention and be an initial point of contact to the entire range of callers through personal crisis and difficulty. Contact Helpline is also committed to providing daily calls to the elderly or disabled who live alone, in an effort to assist them in continuing to live safely and independently in their own homes for as long as possible through our Reassurance programs. We provide services for 8 counties---Choctaw, Clay, Lowndes, Monroe, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Webster, Winston. Our 8-county service area covers 4,300 square miles and has a population of about 200,000.

Contact Helpline provides daily Reassurance Calls: These clients generally are the elderly or disabled who live alone and who wish to be called as a safety measure to promote a feeling of security. They are called daily, to assist them in being more secure at home as long as possible. *Without the funding from United Way we would not be able to keep making these calls and signing up new clients.*

These are some of the reassurance clients that we call on a daily basis in Monroe County:



Lois Miller has heart problems and other health problems so each morning she receives a call she knows that if there is something wrong we can contact someone to go and check on her. These calls give her a sense of comfort and security. She knows that every morning someone is going to call and see how she is feeling and to wish her a nice day. She has been a reassurance client since September, 2007.

Betty Duncan a widow who we call everyday. Ms. Duncan lost her husband August, 2007. She has had a hard time dealing with his death often feeling alone. While talking to her she recalls how she misses when they would go to Wal-mart holding hands while shopping together. He played a big part in her life. When she needs a kind voice to listen to her someone is by the phone to give her comfort and show compassion during her time of loneliness, Contact Helpline, provides a listening ear and an open heart to her, who we consider to be a part of our Contact Helpline family.



Myrtle Lindsey became a client in 2007. She saw an ad in the newspaper and felt this was something that could benefit her and her family. So she called and Contact signed her up as a reassurance client. She truly enjoys her daily calls from people she considers to be a part of her family. Each day she receives her call she knows that someone really cares for her well being. Sometimes this is the only call she receives during the day. To Ms. Lindsey, Contact Helpline Reassurance calls mean the world to her. Ms. Lindsey knows we are just a call away.



Your invited to
"Share the Harvest"



United Way of Greater Monroe County
2010 Campaign Kickoff Luncheon
Tuesday, September 29, 2009 at 12 Noon
Arts Across the Ages/Resource Center
119 South Main Street, Amory



Please reply
by Friday, September 25
United Way Office 257-0557



\$5 Donation appreciated

Contact story continued

Giving help to people in need at some point in our lives we all need help. Whether you're looking for food, clothing, rental assistance, support groups, family counseling, emotional support or need to just talk, Contacts Caring Listeners are available 24 hours a day to be there to listen and care and provide specific information about agencies and organizations that can help, if needed. **United Way helps us to be able to be there for you or someone you may know during your time of need.**



The services provided by Contact Helpline make a real difference for:

- An unemployed husband and father who wanted to end it all.
- A 19 year- old coed whose rape and academic failure makes her future seem hopeless.
- A woman with 5 children who is out of food.
- An isolated widow who needs to hear a friendly voice.
- A woman who is being abused by her husband.

They all need emotional support. To vent anger, have a hand held, explore fear, explain a need, express an emotion, or need information on where to go get help.

Contact Helpline Staff is available to do speaking engagements to explain what our programs provide and what we can do to help those in the community of Monroe County and the other surrounding counties. What a difference a call makes? For our clients, a call helps them cope with day to day life. Remember we are just a call away at **1-800-377-1643**.

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