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UWMC April/May 2010 Update

United Way of Mower County Exceeds All Expectations, Raises \$968,000!

The United Way of Mower County officially announced results of their 2009 fundraising campaign at the Annual Meeting and Appreciation Dinner on April 13th.



"We are thrilled beyond measure. We exceeded our goal by \$58,000 and raised over \$968,000!" said Mandi Lighthizer-Schmidt, Executive Director of United Way.

"With all the economic uncertainty, we at the United Way were not sure how the community would respond," said Diane Baker, United Way Board President. "Would we be able to help those in need? The answer, thanks to a strong employer base, was YES!"



Baker shared with the group that the United Way was able to increase funding for programs by 7%, to \$711,000.

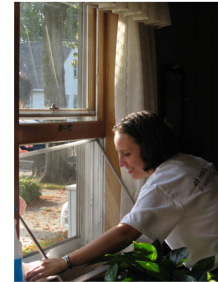
The majority of money raised for the campaign was from workplace giving. "We are blessed to have a

strong community focused business base in Mower County." Lighthizer-Schmidt said. Our three largest campaigns were Hormel Foods Corp., the Hormel Foods plant and Quality Pork Processors. QPP had its most successful drive in history by raising more than \$150,000, up 26 percent from last year.

"Not only did the largest employers have wonderful campaigns but many smaller local businesses set records because of the people who solicited for donations. It truly is a community effort."

The United Way of Mower County will be funding 61 programs in 2010, six of which are new. To see a complete list of 2010 funded programs visit our website at www.uwmower.org.

5th
Annual
Day of
Caring
set for
Sept 25,
2010



Last year we moved Day of Caring to the fall to better serve residents and organizations we work with.

It was a huge success! This year Day of Caring will be held on **Saturday September 25th**.

Mark the date on your calendar and start recruiting friends, family, co-workers. Set aside a Saturday morning to help members of our community.

More details in the coming months.

United Way Office Hours
301 North Main St.
(In US Bank Bldg)
437-2313
Mon-Fri 9:00am-4:00pm
www.uwmower.org

**Faces Behind United
Way**

Thank you Mower County residents and businesses for your continued support of the United Way of Mower County.

Be a part of change. Visit us at www.uwmower.org

Preschool Scholarships Still Available



One of the great successes in recent years is the United Way Preschool Scholarship Program. What started in 2006/07 school year with only 7 students has grown to a program that sent 45 children to preschool in 2009/10, expanded to include programs in Lyle, Adams and LeRoy and provides transportation to all preschool students in the Austin area.

Registration for preschool is underway. United Way has scholarships available for 4 year olds in Mower County attending preschool. If you or someone you know may be eligible for a scholarship please have them contact Jen at 433-5889 to begin the application process. If you live outside of Austin please call United Way for your districts pre-school contact.

In addition to Preschool Scholarships United Way, through a partnership with AMCAT and a grant from The Hormel Foundation, provides transportation for ANY 3 or 4 year old attending preschool in Austin. Register early.

More information about the Preschool Scholarship and Rainbow Route programs as well as application forms can be found on our website at <http://www.uwmower.org/pages/initiatives.asp>

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You can LIVE UNITED by helping us spread the word. Imagine how many people we could reach if everyone forwards this to five people.

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Tell Us Your Live United Story

Many of us give back to our community every day in big and small ways. If you or someone you know is doing just that, we'd like to know. We know how generous our community members are and we'd like to let others know as well.

Please submit how you LIVE UNITED right here in Mower County to us at United Way.

You can submit your story to us by emailing unitedcq@smig.net

When we reach out a hand
to one, we influence the
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