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UNITED WAY ANNOUNCES PROGRAM PARTNERSHIPS TO MEET COMMUNITY NEEDS

NONPROFITS UNITE TO HELP THOUSANDS ACHIEVE BETTER LIVES

Jackson, Michigan, November 16, 2010 – United Way of Jackson County Board of Directors announced today that it has approved partnerships with over 30 area nonprofits in a collaborative effort to help Jackson County families have the opportunity for a better life. Effective January 1, 2011, the United Way will join with program partners to improve the financial stability, educational success and overall health of nearly 100,000 individuals over an 18 month period concluding June 30, 2012.

“We are tremendously proud of all the hard work our volunteers and partners have done to make these grants possible”, said David Mengebier, Board President of the United Way of Jackson County. “We truly believe that when we all work together, there’s nothing we can’t accomplish.”

Over 50 programs applied for nearly \$3,000,000 of financial support. United Way volunteers were able to provide \$1.4 million in resources to 43 programs, represented by 30 local nonprofits.

“These were such difficult decisions”, said Carolyn Bloodworth, volunteer chair of the Community Solutions team. “We wish we had enough money to fund all the requests.”

Specific areas of emphasis and partnerships formed include:

Financial Stability

Partner

American Red Cross
AWARE, Inc.
Community Action Agency
Community Action Agency
Family Service & Children's Aid
Fitness Council
Food Bank of S.C. Michigan
Goodwill
Habitat for Humanity
Jackson Affordable Housing
Jackson Friendly Home
John George Home
Legal Services of South Central Michigan
The Salvation Army

Program

Emergency Services
Domestic Violence Shelter Program
Financial Education
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
Jackson County Guardian Program
Community Bikes
Food Distribution
Document Handling
Home Ownership
Housing Assistance
Assisted Living for Senior Women
Assisted Living for Elderly Gentlemen
Legal Services
Basic Needs

Educational Success

Partner

Big Brothers Big Sisters
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Boy Scouts Great Sauk Trail Council
Child Care Network
DoChas II
Family Service and Children's Aid
Family Service and Children's Aid
Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan
Jackson Area Manufacturers Assn
Jackson Child Care Center
Jackson School of the Arts
JCISD/Serving Hope & Integrity
Lily Missions Center

Program

Community Based Mentoring
Site Based Mentoring
Scoutreach in Jackson County
FIRST
Educational Transitions
Juvenile Diversion
Parent Education
Girl Scouts Outreach
Engineering is Elementary
Educational Program
Arts Education for All Children
Early Truancy Intervention
After School Program

Community Health

Partner

Allegiance Health
AWARE
AWARE
Catholic Charities of JLH
Catholic Charities of JLH
Center for Family Health
Family Service and Children's Aid
Family Service and Children's Aid
Fitness Council of Jackson
Jackson County Health Department
LifeWays

Program

Community Medication Assistance Program
Domestic Violence Counseling
Sexual Assault Counseling
Outpatient Counseling Program
Veteran's Transportation
Adult Emergency Dental Care
Breakout
Family Counseling
Safe Routes to School
Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative
Project Access

In addition to the above mentioned partnerships, agreements were made between United Way and Central Michigan 2-1-1, Nonprofit Network and Catholic Charities of Jackson, Lenawee and Hillsdale to help support and stabilize local nonprofit organizations.

Total United Way resources from local, state and federal sources directed to the community during the grant cycle are estimated to exceed \$2,500,000; in addition, volunteer support mobilized by United Way and other community organizations is estimated at over \$1,000,000.

The United Way community needs campaign has currently raised nearly \$1.5MM in pursuit of its \$2,000,010 goal. Donors are encouraged to support the community by contributing to United Way through their workplace campaign or donating online at www.uwjackson.org.

The United Way of Jackson County is in its 75th year of serving the Jackson community. It supports over forty different programs and initiatives that provide thousands of Jackson County residents the opportunity for a better life. It is locally governed by a volunteer board of directors, chaired by David Mengebier, Senior Vice President, Consumers Energy.

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