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Jones Honored as UW “Volunteer of the Year”

Judy Jones began working on the United Way campaign in the 1980's, and in the mid-1990's was asked to join the Allocations process. She was hooked! Since that time, Judy has worked tirelessly and enthusiastically with our Executive Allocations Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee, currently chairing both, as well as serving on the United Way Board of Directors.



Judy was born and raised in Kentucky and received a Bachelors degree in Journalism from Western Kentucky University. Judy has been employed by R. R. Donnelley for 30 years. Judy inspires everyone with whom she comes into contact to excel, most especially in giving back. Her dedication moves everyone around her to do more.

In speaking with Judy about receiving the award, she says, “I'm so appreciative and I feel so honored to have been named Volunteer of the Year. I've been a United Way or United Way agency volunteer for more than 20 years. I've continued to volunteer because I've seen first-hand how the money is spent and how people benefit from what the agencies do with United Way funds. “I am inspired by the people who commit part of their paychecks to help others, people who donate their personal time to campaigns and board meetings, and especially those individuals who operate the service agencies and will try to move mountains to help someone. I can add that it's humbling to receive this award when you're surrounded by so many people who care and give so much of themselves. We're all trying to make a difference; I hope I can help.”

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Campaign Wrap-Up

The United Way of Sumner County wrapped up its 2007 campaign and our Allocations hearings are now completed. Thanks to everyone who participated in our 2007 Campaign, we raised \$707,967! This is the second highest amount ever raised in the history of the United Way of Sumner County! Less fees and expenses, the amount raised allowed us to allocate \$65,000 more to our partner agencies than in 2006. We are anxious to get started on the 2008 Campaign and beat our 2007 accomplishments!

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Dana Given, President and CEO of United Way of Sumner County said, "Judy is an absolutely incredible volunteer! She has immersed herself in learning the root causes of so many of the social issues that our agencies deal with every day. She has spearheaded our move toward Community Impact. The endless hours of research, development, coordination and training to make this program come to fruition is enormous. The lives of countless Sumner County residents will be improved and long-term impact programs developed because of Judy's leadership and vision. We are truly blessed to

Carrabba's Italian Grill Helps United Way

The United Way and Carrabba's Italian Grill joined hands to help meet the health and human service needs in our community. In keeping with Carrabba's commitment to its communities, the new restaurant donated over \$4,800 of the proceeds from opening night, which was November 12, 2007.

United Way President Dana Given says, "We are extremely honored to have been chosen to be the charity of choice for Carrabba's opening night in Hendersonville. Carrabba's has such an admirable community mindset that orchestrates their Opening Night to so generously benefit a local community charity."

Representatives and volunteers from the United Way of Sumner County were present to help welcome eager and hungry patrons to the restaurant.

Qdoba Grand Opening

Wednesday, April 23rd marked the formal Grand Opening of the new Qdoba's Mexican Grill at the Streets of Indian Lake. Prior to its opening, Qdoba committed to donating 50% of its opening day profits to the United Way of Sumner County. This commitment by a new neighbor was very exciting to us. Local publicity was very good; thanks in part to ads running in the *Hendersonville Star News* and *The Tennessean's* "Sunday Sumner" section and an article in the "Community" section of the *Star News*. Thanks to all of our supporters who dined that day! As a result, Qdoba contributed \$1,570.50 to the United Way to assist our partner agencies in meeting the needs of Sumner County.

Verizon Wireless HopeLine®

Verizon Wireless celebrated its new Hendersonville Store's Grand Opening by donating \$1,000 from its HopeLine® Program to the United Way of Sumner County and HomeSafe Shelter. This contribution will provide well-needed funding to HomeSafe, as it continues to serve the community as the only domestic violence shelter in Sumner County. In addition to the contribution, Verizon also encouraged customers to drop off their old cell phones for future distribution to survivors of domestic violence. The cell phone redistribution represents another component of the HopeLine® program nationwide. Thank you, Verizon Wireless!

COMING IN JULY! Learn more about the United Way's newest branding...

LIVE UNITED™

Notes of Thanks...

The United Way of Sumner County wishes to thank Bethel Coleman (Edward Jones Investments) and Denise Destin (AFLAC—Stephen Anderson Agency), for graciously spending their time with our organization as Loaned Executives. Loaned Executives primarily help with campaign promotion and soliciting new campaigns, but also assist where needed to boost participation in the campaigns each year. Our task would have been most difficult without their help. We sincerely thank you both for the time and energy which you have so unselfishly gave to the 2007 Campaign and the commitment you continue to make to your community!

Without all of our Panel volunteers and our corporate sponsors, the United Way's Allocations week would not have been so successful. Thank you to American Security & Trust, The Farmer's Bank of Portland, The Green Bank and Regions Bank. Their donations allowed us to provide meals and snacks each day for our Panels. The gift of time is precious and we would like to thank the following individuals for participating as Allocation Panel volunteers: Mari Alexander (T.R.A.C., Inc.) , Kreg Arnold (Hendersonville Medical Center), Georgia Asbury (Girl Scouts), Connie Bilbrey (City of Hendersonville), Joyce Birdwell (Hoeganaes), Connie Cecil (Community Volunteer), Ray Cleek (The Babb Center), Rena Eller (Senior Citizens of Hendersonville), Pat Gizelar (Deloitte, Touche, Tomatsu), Jim Hawkins (Attorney), Betty Hilgidiack (Community Volunteer), Evelyn Hill (The Jason Foundation), Judy Jones (R.R. Donnelley), Susan Keen (Community Volunteer), Jo Kennedy (Community Volunteer), Debby Linson (Real Estate Appraiser), Penny Martin (Portland CARES), Amy McClenathan (Hoeganaes), Jack McMahan (Community Volunteer), Linda Murphy (Mutual of America), Tom Neal (Community Volunteer), Glen Rodgers (ServPro), Amanda Runnels (Hendersonville Chamber of Commerce), Jyl Shaffer (HomeSafe), Len Silverman (Huntington Learning Centers), Grace Tomkins (Community Volunteer), Terri Webb (SunCrest Home Health), and John Wilkenson (Herb Lord Realtors).

Talbot's Food Drive

A special thanks to the newest Talbot's, located at the Streets of Indian Lake, from the United Way and our partner agencies who provide emergency assistance in Sumner County. During the month of April, non-perishable food items were collected from shoppers. Those who made a donation had the opportunity to register and win a \$50 Talbot's Gift Certificate. Thanks to Talbot's and their customers, Hendersonville Samaritan, Gallatin CARES, Portland CARES, Good Neighbor Mission, HOPE Food Bank, and HomeSafe Shelter received additional assistance in feeding the needs of their clients. Stay tuned, as there will be future food drives with our Talbot's neighbors.

Interested in helping?

Would you like to "**Live United**" and make an impact on someone's life? If so, make sure you or your company has signed on for the 2008 campaign. You will be seeing a lot more of us throughout the year with special events and other fundraising opportunities. We are also looking for new campaigns, or corporate partners, as we like to call them. For more information, please contact Beth Ellis, United Way of Sumner County Campaign Manager at (615) 826-2977 or email: beth@unitedwaysumner.org, to learn how you can make a difference!

New Staff for Local Agency

Julie Amos joined the United Way of Sumner County in December 2007. Julie oversees the finances and book-keeping and is a welcomed addition to our staff! Julie, her husband, daughter, and son have lived in the Sumner County area for over 20 years. She previously worked in the private sector in logistics management.

Beth Ellis joined the United Way as its new Campaign Manager in April. Prior to joining us, Beth volunteered at Gene Brown Elementary, as well as other organizations locally. She and her husband and daughter relocated to Sumner County in September 2006 from South Carolina. Beth previously worked in compliance and purchasing for companies including Michelin and Westinghouse. At Michelin, she also served as a United Way workplace campaign coordinator.

ITW Dynatec wins Hugh Carpenter Award



The *Hugh Carpenter Award* is presented to the best overall campaign. Mr. Carpenter was very instrumental in the formation of the United Way of Sumner County and we are proud to memorialize his spirit of giving through this award.

Each application for this award is judged by an independent panel of judges. The application earning the highest overall total points is the winner. The winner of this award is not eligible for any other STAR award and must excel in ALL of the categories for STAR awards. The nominees were: ITW CIP Fasteners; ITW Dynatec; R. R. Donnelley & Sons; Sumner County Publications (formerly The News Examiner/Star News) and The City of Hendersonville.

ITW Dynatec was very creative with communications throughout the campaign. The entire campaign team was willing to do just about anything to get the job done. They even had men dressed as women! With 87% participation, \$196.14 in per capita giving, and an average gift of \$224.97, anyone can see why this campaign was so deserving!

Congratulations for all of your hard work!

"It's an honor to participate in the Sumner County United Way Campaign each year. With the backing of our Corporate parent, Illinois Tool Works (ITW) we feel privileged to have donated over \$40K each of the last two years. Although the Hugh Carpenter award is much appreciated by all of us at Dynatec, we know that the true goal is to help the community of Sumner County. We've witnessed first-hand through our own employees the good that can come through the services of the many local agencies funded by United Way."

Dan Bourget, Vice President ITW, on receiving the Hugh Carpenter Award

Publix & Its National Campaign

Publix conducts a very strong national United Way campaign each year, which has a significant impact on the local United Ways where its stores are located. We are fortunate to have three (3) Publix stores located in Sumner County. As a result of its 2007 Campaign, Publix employees in those three stores (Gallatin, Goodlettsville, and Hendersonville) pledged \$47,000 to help their Sumner County neighbors! In addition to the employee's contribution, Publix provides corporate matching. As a result of the matching commitment, Publix Super Markets Charities contributed an additional \$36,300. Ken Jelonek, Publix District Manager: Atlanta Division, presented the check to Dana Given, President and CEO of the United Way of Sumner County. In addition to Dana, a number of Allocation Panel volunteers were present to witness this generous contribution. Thank you to Publix Super Market Charities and the compassion of its local employees for providing over \$80,000 to assist our partner agencies in serving Sumner County.

Next Issue in July!

Please note: we will be publishing our next issue in July and we need your help! If your agency has noteworthy information or special event details for our newsletter and would like it published, please give Beth Ellis a call at 826-2977 or beth@unitedwaysumner.org. The deadline is June 24, 2008.