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Mission: To strengthen our community by connecting people and resources to meet identified human needs.

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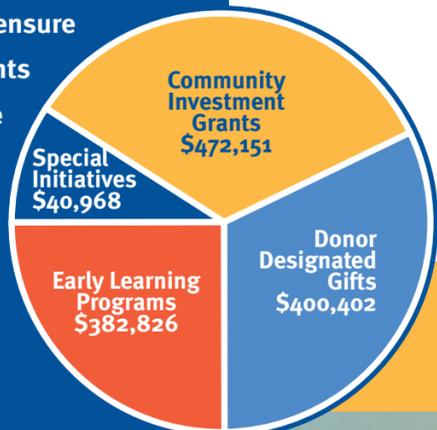
Helping Hands Change Lives

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE RIGHT HERE IN THURSTON COUNTY

United Way of Thurston County works with a broad range of community leaders, citizens and organizations to identify critical issues, invest in solutions, and improve lives. We focus on the underlying causes of the most serious problems to create long-term, lasting change. We work year-round to ensure donors' investments deliver hope to those who need it most. This past year we invested close to \$1.3 million in the community.



HOW YOU CAN GIVE A HELPING HAND

- Make a gift by cash or check
- Use your VISA, MasterCard or American Express
- Give through payroll deduction
- Make a gift of securities
- Make a planned gift to support the United Way of Thurston County Endowment Fund
- Give online at www.UnitedWay-Thurston.org
- Volunteer

2007 Campaign Kicks Off In September

Thurston County Commissioner Cathy Wolfe and Thurston First Bank CEO Mike Edwards have teamed up to co-chair United Way's 2007 campaign. Dollars raised will support agency programs and special initiatives and help address emerging community issues. Hosting a United Way workplace campaign is an easy way for local employers to help meet community needs. For information call 943-2773 x17.

United Way of Thurston County Initiatives



Looking for help with food, shelter, rent assistance, job training or parenting resources? Want to volunteer or donate items? Whether you're looking to find help or give it, 2-1-1 has the answer. Operated by Behavioral Health Resources, trained specialists help connect you to services.

United Way



What if every child in Thurston County started kindergarten ready to succeed? Crime rates and teenage pregnancy would drop. Graduation rates and workforce productivity would increase. Early learning investments pay off. Success By Six promotes quality early learning activities and policy, with a goal that every child enter school ready to learn. Visit www.SouthSoundBornLearning.org to explore ways to turn everyday moments into fun learning opportunities.

FINANCIAL STABILITY PARTNERSHIP

Up to 30 percent of individuals in our state don't have a savings or checking account and use credit cards to cover basic living expenses. The Financial Stability Partnership is a new initiative to help individuals and families gain financial independence by increasing income, building savings and gaining assets.

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FOR KIDS

40% of children in Thurston County enter kindergarten unprepared to learn and succeed, which puts them at a disadvantage to graduate from high school and achieve financial stability.

Through United Way, children receive quality child care, youth and teens enjoy safe after-school and mentoring programs, and parents of young children access critical health care services.

FOR SENIORS

40% of seniors in Thurston County face the risk of living in poverty due to unforeseen and expensive health care costs. Many seniors experience shorter lives without family and/or social interaction.

Through United Way, seniors access adult day care services, programs that provide health care and medications at little or no cost, and nutritious meals.

FOR FAMILIES AND ADULTS

54% of homeless individuals in Thurston County cite poverty-related issues such as the lack of job skills, poor credit, and unexpected medical costs as the cause of their homelessness.

Through United Way, people transition from homelessness into permanent housing, families access food bank services, and individuals become more economically stable through financial education.

2007-08 Community Investment Grants

HELPING KIDS SUCCEED

...where all children are safe, nurtured, valued and provided the opportunity to succeed.

HELPING KIDS SUCCEED TOTAL - \$127,057

- Bookvan - \$5,000
- South Sound Reading Foundation
- Brentwood Group Home - \$11,274
- JumpStart
- Child Care Extension - \$26,196
- YMCA
- Evergreen Villages Neighborhood Center - \$9,295
- TOGETHER!
- Girl Scout Outreach - \$5,000
- Girl Scouts
- Kid's Place - \$9,894
- ROOF Community Services
- Kinship Support Program - \$5,000
- Child Care and Educational Services
- One-to-One Mentoring for Youth - \$10,763
- Big Brothers / Big Sisters
- Out-of-School-Time Program - \$6,371
- Intercommunity Mercy Housing
- Readiness to Learn - \$5,000
- Community Youth Services
- Resource and Referral - \$11,264
- Child Care Action Council
- St. Mike's Tikes Early Learning Center - \$5,000
- Catholic Community Services
- Tuition Support Program - \$12,000
- Olympia Early Learning Center
- Youth and Teen Programs - \$5,000
- South Sound YMCA

MEETING BASIC NEEDS

...where all individuals and families have adequate food, clothing, and shelter.

MEETING BASIC NEEDS TOTAL - \$122,600

- The Community Kitchen - \$31,378
- Catholic Community Services
- ConneXions - \$5,649
- CHOICE Regional Health Network
- Emergency Shelter Network - \$5,581
- The Family Support Center
- Food Bank - \$5,771
- ROOF Community Services
- Food Bank - \$5,000
- Tenino Community Service Center
- Food Bank and Shelter Program - \$7,146
- Yelm Community Services
- Haven House - \$15,053
- Community Youth Services
- The Other Bank - \$14,408
- YWCA of Olympia
- Senior Nutrition - \$7,635
- Senior Services for South Sound
- Service-Enriched Housing - \$5,000
- Intercommunity Mercy Housing
- Shelter Program - \$6,765
- The Salvation Army
- Social Services Program - \$5,192
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- Thurston County Food Bank - \$8,021
- Thurston County Food Bank

PROMOTING SELF-SUFFICIENCY

...where all individuals have educational and training opportunities to live independently.

PROMOTING SELF-SUFFICIENCY TOTAL - \$90,510

- Bilingual Service Access Program - \$5,000
- Refugee and Immigrant Service Center
- Crisis Intervention Training Program - \$5,000
- Thurston / Mason National Alliance on Mental Illness
- Cultivating Youth Employment Program - \$10,750
- Garden-Raised Bounty
- Growing Partners - \$6,690
- Left Foot Organics
- High School Transition - \$7,968
- Morningside
- Job Ready - \$5,000
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Thurston County
- Prevention with Positives - \$5,000
- United Communities AIDS Network
- R.I.S.E - \$9,750
- Community Youth Services
- Social Services Program - \$5,347
- Senior Services for South Sound
- STARS - \$12,910
- Senior Services for South Sound
- Thurston Bookends Literacy - Pending
- Mason County Literacy Network
- Volunteer Chore Services - \$8,000
- Catholic Community Services

SUPPORTING HEALTH AND WELLNESS

...where all individuals have access to basic health care and wellness services.

SUPPORTING HEALTH AND WELLNESS TOTAL - \$111,183

- Community Dental Clinic - \$11,924
- Olympia Union Gospel Mission
- Continuity of Care for Chronic Disease Patients - \$27,700
- Neighborhood Free Medical Clinic / Sea Mar CHC
- Counseling and Consultation - \$5,506
- Catholic Community Services
- HIV Prevention Education - \$5,702
- United Communities AIDS Network
- Keystone Crisis Nursery - \$5,000
- Child Care Action Council
- Monarch Children's Justice and Advocacy Center - \$11,585
- Community Action Council
- Partners in Prevention Program - \$13,277
- Bread and Roses
- Prescription Assistance - \$13,953
- CHOICE Regional Health Network
- Therapeutic Riding Program - \$5,000
- HorsePower!
- WIC - \$11,536
- Community Action Council