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Jefferson County
United Way

MISSION: Working together to promote caring and to improve lives in Jefferson County

ANNUAL REPORT

2015

In an attempt to review the highlights of the actions of Jefferson County United Way, Inc. in 2015, this annual report is being submitted to the United Way Board at its Annual Meeting on February 16, 2016. All programs that were supported by United Way were asked to submit an annual report and are made available to all Board members. This is a summary of those reports as well as some of the highlights of the past year.

2015 Board Members

Dave Adams	Scott Bate	Carrie Bear	Ginger Bolinger
Toni Carpenter	Sarah Crafton	Amber Finnegan	Bob Ford
Andrew Forrester	April Frieske	Rich Geglein	Jim Hickerson
Trevor Jones	Lindsay Lee	Jill Mires	Jay Roney
Jeanie Stotts	Steve Telfer	Nancy Totten	John Wallace
Josh Wilbur	Kendall Withered	Stephanie Withered	

2015 Board Officers

Karen Mannix – <i>President</i>	Mark Cheatham -- <i>Drive Chair</i>
Gail Ray – <i>Vice President</i>	Ken Degler – <i>Asst. Drive Chair</i>
Erin Kindle – <i>Sec./Treas.</i>	

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- **Day of Caring/Madison Mission Week**

In June of 2015 the United Way of Jefferson County joined forces with Madison Mission Week to lend a hand to individuals that needed help. Example projects included gutter cleaning, minor house repair, handicap ramp construction and yard work. United Way provided \$1,000 to help defray the cost of materials that were used during the week. Another \$350 was used to construct a handicap ramp in October, 2015.

- **“Getting Ahead in a Just - Gettin’ By World”**

Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin’-By World is a program about building economic stability for people that find themselves at the lower rungs of the economic ladder. People that want to can use *Getting Ahead* to build their own path to a good-paying job, stable housing and learn how to save for a rainy day and old age. One class was held in 2015. Class participants gained a better outlook on life and developed a more positive attitude toward different life situations.

- **Special Projects Grants**

Special Projects Grants were awarded to Safe Passages, Hanover Police Department and RSVP. Safe Passages was awarded a \$20,500* grant to provide domestic violence services to Jefferson County in 2015. This was money that was earmarked for the previous provider, Turning Point which withdrew their services to Jefferson County. The Hanover Police Department was awarded \$5,000 to maintain their drug dog program. RSVP was awarded \$500 to improve their capacity as an organization.

- **VITA**

During 2015, Jefferson County United Way partnered with The Clearinghouse and Ivy Tech to begin the process of becoming a VITA site for Jefferson County. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA) is a program that helps qualified individuals file their taxes at no cost. All requirements were met with the IRS and The United Way has become an official VITA site and will begin preparing taxes during the 2016 tax season.

FINANCIAL

- Amount Pledged = \$360,145
- Amount Collected = \$359,829
- **Grants Received**

Emergency Food & Shelter = \$5,952 - Distributed to The House of Hope

Total Grant Monies Received = \$5,952

- A copy of IRS Form 990 can be found on our website – www.jcinitedway.com

Agency Disbursements

Supported Programs	Services/Individuals Served	Allocation
American Red Cross	1,260	43,000
Big Brothers/Big Sis	116	6,000
Boy Scouts	457	6,000
Casa Amiga	15,491 services	8,500
Girls' Inc.	588	48,200
Girl Scouts	92	5,000
Lide White	2,600 est. duplicated count	60,000
Lifetime Resources	1,898	16,000
RSVP	3,000 est.	6,500
Salvation Army	22,000+ services	47,000
Southwestern Rec.	300	7,000
Safe Passages		20,500*
USO		800
TOTAL		\$273,700

Impact Stories

From Salvation Army

The Salvation Army was able to provide financial assistance to an individual who is battling cancer and some other major health issues. She had to cut her work hours due to medical appointments and had difficulty making ends meet. In her home, her and her husband also cares for two grandchildren. The initial contact was not made by the individual who received financial assistance, but by her landlord who knew the family very well and knew that they usually could figure out another option. Financial assistance is all about providing support to families or individuals who are doing all they can, but need a little bit of help along the way.

From Lide White Memorial Boys & Girls Club

This past year, one of our former Club members, got into some trouble with the court system and asked to perform his community service with the Club. We assigned him to assist our custodian with the cleaning and maintenance of the building instead of working with our children, like he was hoping for! As he assisted our Custodian, I noticed a change in his demeanor and attitude as he became more humble and less arrogant and more appreciative of our custodian and his responsibilities. On his exit interview with me, I mentioned my observation and he stated; "I didn't know what a great person the custodian was until I worked with him and noticed what a great attitude he has about life. Before, I always thought I was better than him, but now realize that I'm not any better than anyone else!" This is a great impact statement and realization in our opinion!

From Girls Incorporated

At the beginning of the 2015/16 school year, we were contacted by one of the schools with regard to scholarships for 2 little girls in dire need of after-school programming. These girls live in a home without water, and their mother struggles to keep their basic needs met. One of them also has some behavior problems. The girls quickly became Girls Inc. members. Our program director worked with the school counselor to create a behavior feedback system for one of the girls that is similar to what they use at school in order to keep her life as consistent as possible. A recent conversation with the school principal revealed that the girls LOVE coming to Girls Inc. each day after school – so much, in fact, that the notion of not being able to come has been incorporated into the school’s behavior feedback system for these girls. The principal said that when she thinks of what good Girls Inc. does in our community, she can think of no better example than this.

From Big Brothers/Big Sisters

In 2015, one of our Little Sisters experienced great sorrow in her life when she lost her grandmother. This Little Sister had been raised by her Grandmother and for the last 9 years has been matched with a Big Sister. The Big Sister was there to help the Little Sister through the grief process. The Little Sister was able to call upon her Big Sister when she had to transition from living with her Grandmother to moving in with her mother who was just released from jail. This match is an example of how Big Brothers Big Sisters is not just a mentoring program but a life changing program for children facing diversity.

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