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“A COMMUNITY UNITED”

UNITED WAY OF DICKINSON LAUNCHES FALL CAMPAIGN

The United Way of Dickinson has launched its 2009-10 campaign with the theme “A Community UNITED.”

“Our mission is “United, we improve people’s lives’,” said Executive Director Jill Gregoire.

Nineteen agencies have requested funding for a total of \$282,000. Del Quigley is serving as honorary Chairperson, Boyd Meduna is campaign chairperson and Rodger Pearson is board President.

Gregoire said the campaign kicked off with tailgate party on September 17. Packets are currently being distributed to 340 area businesses by volunteers.

“I think we need to focus on why we are doing what we are do instead of just raising funds. It’s not just the check-writing, there’s a mission behinds it,” said Gregoire.

Imagine a line of dominos standing in a row. If one is tipped over, a chain reac-

tion is started.

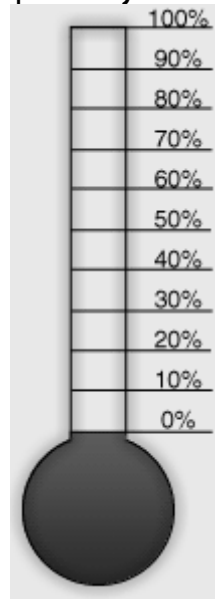
“Each volunteer, donor and agency is one of those dominoes relying on one another to help the clients we serve and the community in which we live,” she said

“Most don't donated because they need something now. They donate because they might need something in the future—their kids, their neighbors or their friends. It’s kind of like paying it forward,” she said.

2009-10

Campaign Goal

\$282,000



LIVE UNITED

United Ways across America are focusing their campaigns around the “LIVE UNITED” national theme.

This year Quality Quick Print submitted the logo for the 2009-10 United Way campaign. The design was created by Jessina Aluisse.



Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week Activities

The Southwest Homeless Coalition is raising awareness of homelessness during Hunger & Homelessness Awareness week, November 15-21 2009. Activities include “Homeless in the Heartland” video playing on Channel 19, Dickinson’s Community Access channel. This video is made up of homeless individuals and service providers in North Dakota. The video explains what homelessness looks like in North Dakota and how it is differs from the stereotypical perception of homeless people living in a box as well as what a serious problem it is in our state and community. Other activities include public service announcements, newsletter articles and

flyers throughout the community. Also, the Days Inn in conjunction with the southwest Homeless Coalition, United Way of Dickinson, Dickinson State University and Sacred Heart Monastery is holding its 3rd Annual Empty Bowl event. The event will be held November 7th beginning at 11am, at the Days Inn-Grand Dakota Lodge in Dickinson. At the event, you can pick out a handmade bowl made by the DSU Art Department, and have it filled with a ladle of homemade soup and a piece of bread. The minimum contribution is \$15.00, and you can keep the bowl. Proceeds benefit the United Way of Dickinson, which distributes the donation to local agencies who assist in servicing homeless and underprivileged families.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT: RODGER PEARSON

United Way is wonderful organization for both Dickinson and southwest North Dakota as it helps all of us build a better community. People willing to share their time, talents & treasure are significantly helping those who are not as fortunate and are in need of assistance.

United Way provides for a simple and easy process of matching these gifts to those in need.

Southwest North Dakotans are a very caring and giving group of people. This was tremendously demonstrated during and after the tornado this past summer. This has also been demonstrated,

time after time, when other natural disasters have hit or when someone was in need. We are truly a community that is much like an

extended family, where we watch out for, take care of, and nurture one other. This spirit is seen in all the agencies that are funded through the United Way. These people are dedicated to seeing that the elderly are healthy, our children are given opportunity to develop into successful adults, and those in unfortunate situations are given a chance to recover & become productive again. It is these volunteers and agency staff that are lifting up our community.

You may know someone that has used the services provided by these agencies, and so understand first-hand the great work that they do. As I hear the success stories from each agency I am extremely grateful for what they do, how they affect lives daily in a positive manner, and with such kindness. Thank you Dickinson for caring & helping! Your gifts do make a difference, both locally and on a daily basis. A community united - United Way.

OUR LEADERSHIP GIVING PROGRAM

Leadership Giving is a recognition program United Way has available. We encourage you to rise to the challenge and become a member. You and your spouse may combine you gifts to attain one of the recognition levels below.

Individual/ Spouse Leadership Giving:

Gold	\$500 and above
Silver	\$250- \$499
Bronze	\$100- \$249

Corporate and Employees Leadership Giving:

President's Award	\$10,000 and above
Pacesetter Gold	\$5,000- \$9,999
Pacesetter Silver	\$2,500- \$4,999
Pacesetter Bronze	\$1,000- \$2,499
Pacesetter	\$500- \$999

Leadership Giving Program Recognition

- Special recognition in the United Way Annual Meeting Report
- Colored bars for your Pacesetter Plaque
- Special Recognition in the United Way Spring Newsletter
- Listing in the local newspaper press tab or ad

Don't forget the..... 3rd ANNUAL Empty Bowl Event

SATURDAY, NOBEMBER 7TH,
BEGINS AT 11:00 A.M
Days Inn Grand Dakota Lodge

**HANDMADE BOWLS,
HOMEMADE SOUP
AND A BITE OF BREAD**

HELP FILL SOMEONES EMPTY BOWL
AND ALLEVIATE HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITY
MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION \$15.00

THERE IS A LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE



WHY UNITED WAY?

BY JILL GREGOIRE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am proud to announce that United Way of Dickinson has set a campaign goal of \$282,000 for the 2009-2010 Campaign. This year we will support over 19 agencies or programs within four areas prioritized by the United Way. These areas show the wide variety of needs in our community. Your donation to the United Way supports each of these areas:

- Nurturing Youth
- Assisting Elderly & Disabled
- Strengthening Families
- Promoting Self- Sufficiency

I am inviting you to invest in these community priorities, because they matter in Dickinson.

United Way ensures that your contribution is invested carefully and systematically in programs that work. We have a great responsibility to make sure your contribution is invested in the most effective way possible. Please continue to stay involved with United Way of Dickinson and follow the progress of your investment.

Your investment will support those who have made Dickinson a great place to live and for the children who will continue this tradition in the future.

Jill Gregoire, Executive Director

2009-10

United Way Partner Agencies

Boy Scouts of America/Northern Lights Council

Community Action Partnership-
Prairie Rose Center

Caring for Children

Catholic Family Services-
Guardianship Program

Dickinson Adult Learning Center

Domestic Violence
& Rape Crisis Center

Elder Care

Foster Grandparent Program

Gearing Up for Kindergarten

Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons

Harvest Home

Health Maintenance Program

High Five Youth Camp

House of Manna

Lutheran Social Services-
Senior Companion Program

PATH

Stark County Chapter of the
American Red Cross

West Dakota Parent
& Family Resource Center

WIGS, Inc.

TOP 10 REASONS TO DONATE TO THE UNITED WAY OF DICKINSON

10. **You can get a charitable tax write-off on your business or personal taxes.**
You'll thank us on April 15th, really.
9. **You can receive public acknowledgement** and the benefit of being known as a community benefactor. Leadership Givers and Pacesetters are recognized at our annual meeting in March.
8. **You can learn more about the needs of our community** and thus, what areas need the greatest support.
7. **A strong community is a good place to come home to.** By addressing the most pressing community needs, we are eliminating problems you don't want to have in your neighborhood. Example: the local homeless shelter not only provides housing to newcomers and transients, it requires them to be checked out before they can be served, thus helping preserve the safety of our community.
6. **You can designate your donation to one agency.** We make sure your dollars are investing in the programs that are important to you.
5. **You, your family or you employee's families will benefit** from the services provided through United Way dollars to over 19 local agencies.
4. **You can give to 19 different agencies all at once.** You may be asked often for donations for various civic and charitable causes. By giving to United Way you meet the needs of a variety of service groups providing a wide range of services—from Eldercare meals to the Stark County Red Cross. Do you want to help one family or one club or do you want to help over 2500 people in our community all at once?
3. **You get to help fix the problem.** Anyone can stand around and complain about what they think is wrong, it only takes someone with a caring heart coupled with courage to step forward and volunteer to be part of the solution. If you could see all the faces of those who receive help—the family of 4 after a fire has devastated their home who are so grateful for Red Cross crisis services, the elderly individual receiving a ride to their doctors appointment through Eldercare services—then you would say—it's worth what I can give to be part of the solution.
2. **You will experience the joy of giving to others.** We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give. Giving to United Way will add meaning and value to your everyday job and you'll have the satisfaction of knowing you helped make a difference in the lives of your neighbors, friends, parents or the kid next door.
1. **We need your help!** Together we can do so much more than anyone of us alone—A Community UNITED.

SUCCESS STORIES

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS

Community Action Partnership

A 37 year old female went through a divorce and fell behind on her bills. She attended four self-reliance sessions with one of community Action's Case Managers. Together they were able to get the client's checkbook on track and develop a household budget. The client also qualified for and enrolled in the Medication Assistance Program. She felt that her current job was not in her best interest, due to the chemical smells and migraines, which was causing her to miss a lot of work. She applied for a new job and was hired. She has not missed work since starting her new job and has stuck to her budget. All her bills are current at this time and she continues to do well on her own.

Caring Program for Children

I was a single mother of a wonderful 4-year-old Marilyn. I was attending graduate school and was employed part-time as a graduate assistant. There were no benefits available, and although I was on other assistance (child care and food stamps), I still wasn't eligible for

subsidized health care for my daughter. I was less than \$100 "over" the eligibility limit. The social service agency referred me to the Caring for Children program for those who "fall between the cracks." I was definitely one of these people!

My primary concern for my daughter at the time was her severe tooth decay. She was literally spitting out chunks of her teeth, and the surgery to help her was nearly half of my yearly income. Before my daughter was covered by Caring for Children, I was told I would need to pay all of this out of pocket because, at the time, I did not have adequate insurance. Once I was enrolled in Caring for Children, I was blessed with the ability to get the surgery she needed and have been ever grateful. In addition to the surgery, I was also able to provide my daughter with the preventive care she deserved and felt like a better mother because of it.

After getting through this difficult time in my life, I have since completed graduate school and have been blessed to find a great job with wonderful benefits. In addition, I felt the need to give back to the same program that helped me through this challenging time in my life. I have

since given monthly to Caring for Children and am ever grateful to the wonderful, caring people who helped me through this.

House of Manna

We have been assisting several churches in the surrounding area with shirts, jeans and material to make quilts for the veteran homes, nursing homes, hospital, God's Child project and several missions. We are assisting Queen of Peace Church with their mission at Fort Yates, providing people with clothes and household items which are desperately needed. The other day a case worker came in to help an elderly gentleman that needed furnishing for his apartment which included, couch, table and chairs, lamps, bedding, bed, dishes, silverware, pots and pans. We explained to the case worker if she could think of anything else he would need to write it down and we would see if we could help him out. This is only a small example of the services we provide to our community and surrounding area on a daily basis. We touch the lives of so many people who desperately need our help in providing their basic needs and improving their lives.

**Now is the time. Needs are great, but your possibilities are greater.
- Bill Blackman**

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Name _____

(List as you wish to be recognized)

Employer _____

Home Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Signature (required) _____

My Total Pledge amount is \$ _____.

____ Please check if you do not want public recognition.

Questions???

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