



Annual Report 2010

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LIVE UNITED**



MISSION

***United Way Of
Erie County Works
To Create The Organized
Capacity For People To Care
For One Another.***



**I JUST DON'T WEAR THE SHIRT
I LIVE IT!**

In my job I get to see all of the different organizations and the people that the United Way of Erie County benefits. Whether it be kids at the Sandusky YMCA, seniors at the Erie County Senior Center or relief efforts of the Firelands Red Cross, the United Way of Erie County touches many lives in our area. Through supporting the United Way, I hope to instill the values of helping people in my two boys.

A Message from the Executive Director



Our local United Way is working to create lasting positive change in the community we serve. Our goal is to change lives by addressing the underlying causes of community issues. United Way of Erie County staff, board of directors and volunteers understand that it takes a community working together to create a brighter tomorrow.

This past year the United Way board approved the four program areas that will guide the decisions of the Community Investment Committee and the work that United Way will do. The four program areas are:

- **Children and Youth Services:** Investing in the future success of children by providing safe environments and educational activities.
- **Independence and Self-Sufficiency:** Provide for the well-being of seniors and underprivileged individuals in the community.
- **Basic and Emergency Needs:** Provide people with basic necessities in a disaster or other times of temporary need. Promote self-financial stability and independence.
- **Health Services for Physical and Mental Health:** Provide opportunities for the physical and mental well-being of members of the community.

This annual report details the work and the accomplishments of United Way of Erie County during 2010.

I would like to thank you for **LIVING UNITED** and supporting your local United Way. We appreciate your contributions, time, talent and continued commitment to our efforts.

Pamela Colbert-Brumbaugh
Executive Director

First it is necessary to stand on your own two feet. But the minute a man finds himself in that position, the next thing he should do is reach out his arms.

Kristin Hunter, O Magazine,
November 2003

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UWEC 2010 Funded Programs

Sandusky Area Alzheimer's Support Group

Provides community education regarding the effects of Alzheimer's disease. Provides funds for Respite Care for family members caring for their loved one diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease.

ARC of Erie County

Provides advocacy for individuals with disabilities.

American Red Cross, Firelands Chapter

Provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. Provides notification for members of the Armed Forces. Provides health and safety programs for youth and adults.

Bayshore Counseling Services

Provides diagnostic assessments for individuals affected by drug and/or alcohol abuse. Provides assessments for individuals who are dealing with mental health issues.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Erie-Seneca Cos.

Provides one-to-one mentoring for youth in Erie County.

Boy Scouts/Heart of Ohio Council

Provides an opportunity for young males to become involved in scouting & Scout Reach Programs.

Cancer Services

Provides financial assistance for cancer patients who need assistance with their cancer-related medications.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Toledo

Provides guardianship services to older adults.

Center for Cultural Awareness

Provides support for Sandusky City Youth who have been suspended from school. In addition to academics, the program addresses positive peer relationships.

Erie County CASA

Trains and retains volunteer guardians for children who are involved in the family court system. The volunteer acts as a voice for the child.

Erie County Senior Center

Provides transportation and educational outings for adults over the age of 60.

Erie Residential Living Program

Trains medical personnel to administer medications to adults with disabilities who live in a group home.

Girl Scouts of North East Ohio

Provides Girl Scout Leadership Experiences to female youth in Erie County.

Kinship

Provides supervised visits for families involved in family services. Also provides a safe environment for parents to exchange their children in cases where the parents are unable to have contact.

UWEC 2010 Funded Programs Continued:

Safe Harbour Domestic Violence Shelter

Provides a safe environment for female victims of domestic violence and their minor children. Services include crisis hotline, First Response, support groups and counseling.

Salvation Army- Huron & Milan Service Units

Provides financial assistance to low income residents of the respective communities.

Salvation Army

Provides food pantry assistance, case management, and financial assistance to low income residents of Sandusky/Perkins area. During the summer months, provides a mobile on-site food program in several communities.

Sandusky Bay Area Goodwill Industries

Provides organizational employment for individuals with disabilities that otherwise would not be able to work.

Sandusky Area YMCA

Provides scholarships for membership and programs for qualifying youth and families in Erie County.

The Volunteer Center

Provides linkage for individuals, groups, and/or families seeking to perform volunteer services.

Volunteers of America

Provides emergency shelter for homeless individuals and families. Services include case management, food pantries and other types of assistance.

2-1-1 Informational & Referral Hotline

Provides free information and referral services for health and human services 24 hours a day, 7 days/week.



2010 HIGHLIGHTS



2-1-1 and Get Connected Training

United Way of Erie County is a participant of the Erie County 2-1-1 Collaborative Board with representatives from several organizations. 2-1-1, launched in 2006, is the county’s premiere 24/7 informational and referral hotline. In 2010, 2-1-1 handled 1836 calls. The top 5 needs in Erie County, as identified by 2-1-1 were: housing assistance, utility assistance, food, prescriptions, and transportation.

In conjunction with promoting 2-1-1, the Advisory Committee facilitated 4 trainings to 74 professionals. The purpose of the training is to promote 2-1-1, educate professionals on 2-1-1 while reviewing the “No Wrong Door” policy.



Ohio Benefit Bank Tax Clinic Program

For the second year, United Way of Erie County coordinated with the Sandusky Library, Erie County Senior Center, The Job Store and the Erie County Care-A-Van to provide free income tax assistance to individuals making less than \$54,000.00. Eight (8) trained volunteers provided assistance to 40 individuals.



United Way of Erie County working with the Volunteer Center and Sandusky Regional Planning, has re-established Erie County Community Council. The Council meets six times per year and provides a forum for not-for-profit agencies to meet, network and engage in discussion. Approximately 50 agencies/organizations are involved in Community Council. On average, 25 agency representatives attend the meetings.



In May, 2010, United Way of Erie County partnered with FamilyWize to offer prescription drug discount cards to residents of Erie County. There are no restrictions or eligibility requirements for individuals or families to use FamilyWize prescription drug discount cards. During the first eight months of the programs, residents of Erie County submitted 652 claims and saved over \$6000.00. United Way distributes the cards to pharmacies, physicians’s offices, agencies, and individuals.



2010 Highlights Continued:



Stamp Out Hunger

United Way partnered with Sandusky Post Office and Huron Post Office Letter Carriers and collected over 7100 pounds of food for delivery to food pantries in Sandusky and Huron.



Day of Caring

United Way of Erie County hosted a Day of Caring on September 10th by hosting the Battery Park Aid Station for the REV3 Triathlon. Twenty (20) volunteers participated by providing the athletes food and drinks.



Make a Difference Day

For the second year, United Way of Erie County partnered with Sandusky/Erie County Community Foundation, The Volunteer Center, Second Harvest Food Bank, First Presbyterian Church and the Sandusky Register for the “Helping Neighbors in Need Project.” Collection took place prior to October 23rd. On October 23rd, over 40 individuals volunteered their time to sort over 16,000 pounds of food and personal hygiene items which were distributed to nine food pantries in Erie County.



Training Program for Area Agencies

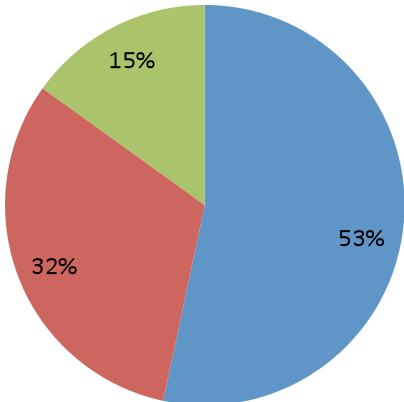
In June, United Way of Erie County partnered with the Norwalk Area United Fund to present a non-profit workshop for directors, staff, and board members on “Minding the Business While Changing the World.” The workshop addressed Charitable Board Governance and Fiduciary Responsibilities as well as provided solid guidance on governance issues. The training was provided by the Ohio Attorney General’s Office.



Demographics

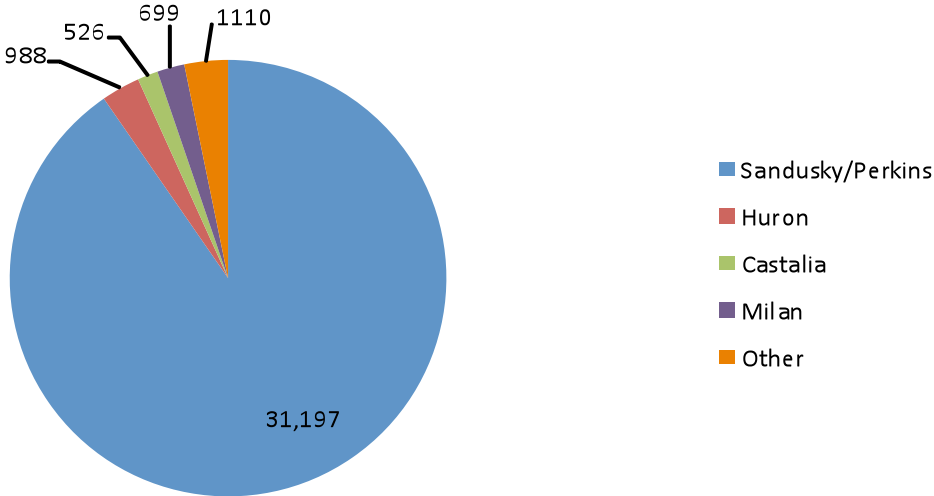
Ages of Persons Using UW Services

■ < 18 years ■ 18-55 yrs ■ 56+ yrs



This does not reflect all clients served due to unreported data.

Residency of Persons Who Use UW Services



Corporate & Business Donors for 2010/2011 Campaign

As of March 31, 2011

* Corporate Gift Only

** Employee Gift Only

No Asterisk-Corporate & Employee Gift

Italics – New Donor

Workplace Giving Gold Award: \$10,000 and over

Buckeye Cable

Cedar Point/Cedar Fair

Citizen's Bank

First Energy**

Industrial Nut

Kroger*

KBI*

Meijer Store**

Sandusky City Schools**

Sandusky International**

Workplace Giving Silver Award: \$5000 - \$9999

BGSU Firelands**

Firelands Regional Medical Center **

First Energy Foundation

IACNA**

Sandusky Register

UPS**

Workplace Giving Bronze Award: \$1000 - \$4999

Bayshore Counseling**

Best Buy

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Scarlett O'Hair Salon**

Southern Title of Ohio Ltd.*

Steven's Hair Loss Clinic

Toft Funeral Home & Crematory*

Wolfe's Bow Wow Boutique*

WSI eVision

Dine-Out Participants

Berardi's Family Kitchen

Cold Creek Café

Crush Wine Bar

Danny Boys Eatery

Huron Pizza House

J Bistros

Jim's Pizza Box (Huron & Milan)

Kalahari's Reserve

Lee's Famous Chicken

Mona Pizza

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The Pie Factory

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Examples of the impact contributions have made:

American Red Cross Disaster Services: On the night of May 7, 2010, a wind storm caused a fire in a 5 unit apartment complex. 5 families were housed temporarily due to the evacuation and one family was assisted financially due to fire losses. A total of 14 people were involved.

Cancer Services Medication Program: A musician was diagnosed with throat cancer which changed his life completely. He had no insurance therefore it was difficult for him to pay his medical expenses. Thanks to the United Way dollars, Cancer Services assisted him with his trachea device so he could talk. They also provided him dressings, saline solution, and trachea covers during the healing process.

Catholic Charities Adult Advocacy Program: "John" was alone and living in a nursing home. He had once been able to make his own decisions and voice his needs but after several strokes he lost that ability and there was no one to be his voice. John needed this voice as decisions regarding his ongoing care needed to be made. While the nursing home staff were concerned and were providing him good care, they were not in the position to be his decision maker. Catholic Charities was able to step in and act as his guardian ensuring his ongoing care and making any important decisions. This is not a position that many of us prepare for in life. We assume that until the day we die we will be our own voice or certainly a family member will step in and take care of us in this manner. Unfortunately reality tells us this does not always happen.

Erie County CASA: The success of CASA children is not always a guarantee, and is not a fairy tale that has a happy ending every time. However, due to the compassion, dedication and commitment of 28 CASA volunteers, 90 abused, neglected and dependent children have the opportunity to achieve safe and permanent homes

Safe Harbour Shelter Services: Mary and her 2 little girls recently came into the shelter. She was very meek and the children were exceptionally quiet. The staff spoke with the client and she disclosed that she and both of her girls were being physically abused by the husband. After speaking more with Mary, and the girls, one of the little ones disclosed that her father touched her inappropriately. Our Social worker immediately called Children's Services and this claim was investigated. By this time, Mary had decided to obtain a Civil Protection Order and was helped by our legal advocate. Mary was helped through the Homeward Bound Program, in that she found a new place to live, the father was not permitted to have contact with the family and all are going through intensive counseling. Mary continues to attend the Support Group on a weekly basis.

Salvation Army Mobile Ministry: "Every day you hand out lunch is the day I like to eat". A five year old recipient of a box lunch, said at an area park.

Volunteers of America Crossroads Shelter: Staff at the Crossroads Shelter recently signed a lease for a chronically homeless man who had lived in the woods in the Sandusky surrounding area for over a decade. Homelessness had become a way of life for this poor aged and disabled soul; a way of life in which he has learned to survive in. He plundered through dumpsters, gathered recycled items and headed to Crossroads: Volunteers of America Northwest Ohio's Homeless Services Center for a hot meal, a quick shower and a load of laundry. Now he can perform these life skills for himself.