

# Celebrating 90 Years of Caring for Our Community



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**90**  
Years  
1922 - 2012



Fox Valley United Way

# 90 YEARS AND COUNTING



Dear Fox Valley United Way Community,

In 1922, a group of concerned and kind-hearted citizens banded together to form the Aurora Social Services Federation. Their goal: to launch fund drives that would provide for the neediest in their community.

Ninety years later, we have the privilege of celebrating those early philanthropists who laid the foundation for what became Fox Valley United Way. By freely giving of their resources, time and talent, they launched a mission that now grants support to 54 nonprofit agencies serving 15 communities.

Each day we witness how our founders' spirit lives on in the work of our partner agencies, donors and volunteers. It is because of their tireless efforts that Fox Valley United Way continues to make an impact in the lives of people in need.

As we look forward to the next 90 years, we do so with tremendous gratitude for those who care, and with a passionate resolve to continue to promote lasting change in our community.

Fox Valley United Way  
Board of Directors and Staff





## CELEBRATING: OUR 90TH ANNIVERSARY

Last year, Pat Larkin, a member of our Community Events Committee, conceived the idea of putting together a quilt that would honor our 90th anniversary. She engaged children and adults in the community to join her in expressing what it means to “Live United.” Self-portraits, colored hand tracings and drawings of Fox Valley United Way events decorate the beautiful quilt that now hangs in our offices, a touching reminder that we are part of a community of people who truly love to care for one another.



# OPERATION HELPING HANDS DAY OF CARING

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PHOTO CREDIT: GINGER CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH

## **CELEBRATING:** GINGER CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH, SPONSORS AND 400+ VOLUNTEERS

On Saturday, June 16, 2012, the Operation Helping Hands Day of Caring mobilized 400 volunteers across eight locations in a united effort to serve local organizations. By tackling “maybe someday” projects, volunteers helped these non-profits make budget dollars go further by providing free labor. Painting, small repairs, landscaping

and cleaning efforts kept adults and children busy making a visible difference in their community.

We celebrate these individuals and those who helped organize what has become a wonderful annual serving opportunity for co-workers, congregation members and families.

# LIVE UNITED™



All it takes is a simple phone call or the click of a mouse to start impacting your community. Call 630-896-4636. Visit [www.uwfoxvalley.org](http://www.uwfoxvalley.org). Let us know whether your passion is to give, advocate or volunteer. We will provide the right opportunity to put that desire to make a difference into action.

## GIVE.

There are many ways to give to ensure that agencies will have the resources to continue to provide essential social services in our area. Financial contributions are accepted from individuals and businesses by mail, online and through employer-sponsored fundraising campaigns, many of whom offer to match donations.

## ADVOCATE.

Will you speak up and speak out in support of your favorite services—food pantries, homeless shelters, education programs? The more advocates our agency partners have, the more good we can do together.

## VOLUNTEER.

How would you like to help? Provide transportation for seniors, mentor an at-risk teen or help at one of our community events? We will be happy to match your time and talents with just the right project.





# WHAT FLOATS YOUR CARDBOARD BOAT RACE

PHOTO CREDIT: MALCOLM WOLF

## **CELEBRATING:** THE CITY OF AURORA, AURORA AREA BUSINESSES, ORGANIZATIONS AND SPONSORS

It just keeps getting sillier and sillier! Each year, fans journey out to Mastodon Lake in Aurora's Phillips Park to witness our "What Floats Your Cardboard Boat" event. In August, our 10th annual race drew 22 groups and organizations that helped us kick off our 2012-2013 fundraising campaign in their own unique style. Boaters piled into decorated cardboard boats and raced other competitors to an often soggy finish.

All in an effort to raise awareness of the social service agencies supported by Fox Valley United Way and our mission to engage the community to give, advocate and volunteer in the coming year.

We celebrate the City of Aurora for making the event possible, and the local businesses, organizations and individuals who braved the "swells" and made it a memorable event for the hundreds of people who were in attendance.

# OUR PARTNER AGENCIES during the 2011-2012 campaign

Funds raised by Fox Valley United Way support the work of health and human service agencies in the Kane and Kendall county communities we serve. We receive and review requests, then allocate the monies we raise to support specific agency programs.

**African American Men of Unity**, Aurora  
**Association for Individual Development**, Aurora  
**Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center**, Aurora  
**Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry**, Aurora  
**Breaking Free, Inc.**, Aurora  
**Camp Fire USA, Illinois Prairie Council**, Lombard  
**Camp Kishwaukee**, Plano  
**CASA – Kane County**, Geneva  
**CASA – Kendall County**, Yorkville  
**Catholic Charities of Aurora**, Aurora  
**Child Care Resource & Referral**, Joliet  
**Community Benefits – Kendall County**, Yorkville  
**Community Career Center**, Naperville  
**DayOneNetwork**, Geneva  
**Elderday Center**, Batavia  
**Family Counseling Service**, Aurora  
**Family Focus**, Aurora  
**Fox Valley Hospice**, Geneva  
**Fox Valley Family YMCA**, Plano  
**Gateway Foundation**, Aurora  
**Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois**, Sugar Grove  
**Golden Harvesters Senior Citizens**, Plano  
**Greenman Elementary School**, Aurora  
**H.A.L.T. Club**, Yorkville  
**Hope for Tomorrow, Inc.**, Aurora  
**Joseph Corporation**, Aurora  
**Kendall County Community Bridges**, Yorkville  
**Kendall County Food Pantry**, Yorkville  
**Kendall County Health Department**, Yorkville  
**L.I.F.E. Support Incorporated**, Aurora  
**Marie Wilkinson Child Development Center**, Aurora  
**Mutual Ground**, Aurora  
**Open Door Clinic**, Aurora  
**Open Door Rehabilitation Clinic**, Sandwich  
**Operation Snowball**, Plano  
**Oswego Family YMCA**, Oswego  
**People for Child Care**, Aurora  
**Plano Youth Athletic Association**, Plano

**Prairie State Legal Services**, St. Charles  
**Public Action to Deliver Shelter**, Aurora  
**Quad County Urban League**, Aurora  
**Rebuilding Together Aurora**, Aurora  
**RITAS Ministry**, Aurora  
**Salvation Army**, Aurora  
**Salvation Army Golden Diners**, Geneva  
**Senior Services Associates**, Aurora  
**Suicide Prevention Services**, Batavia  
**Three Fires Council Boy Scouts**, St. Charles  
**Triple Threat Mentoring**, Aurora  
**Visiting Nurse Association**, Aurora  
**Wayside Cross Ministries**, Aurora  
**West Aurora School District 129**, Aurora  
**World Relief**, Aurora  
**YWCA Aurora**, Aurora





# SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

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## **CELEBRATING: JEWEL-OSCO STORES, MONTGOMERY MARKET PLACE, PRISCO'S FINE FOODS**

On February 6, 2012, the day before the Super Bowl, more than 100 youth volunteers, with the support of local grocery stores, joined us for the annual Souper Bowl of Caring. This national event rallies young people to help collect food and monetary donations to supply goods for area food distribution. All of the food items and money collected in our area are delivered to the Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry and the Kendall County Food Pantry.

We received 2,700 pounds of food and \$5,577.00 in cash contributions to help feed the growing number of needy families in our area.

We celebrate the shoppers who supported this effort, as well as the youth and their families who gave up a Saturday to bring hope and help to the hungry.

# OUR DONORS

*during the 2011-2012 campaign*

A big thank-you to all the businesses and organizations who chose to make a difference in their community this year by supporting the Fox Valley United Way. We recognize and extend our appreciation to:

AAA Motor Club  
ACXIOM  
Advocate Healthcare  
Alcatel Lucent  
Allstate  
Ameritrade  
Andersen Corporation  
Associated Bank  
Association for Individual Development  
AT&T  
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Aurora University  
Bank of America  
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Best Buy  
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BMO Harris  
BNSF Railway  
Breaking Free  
Burlington Northern Foundation  
C & S Wholesale Grocers  
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Goodrich Quality Theaters, Inc.  
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Heat & Frost Insulators, Local 17  
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# SPARK

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## Strong, Prepared And Ready for Kindergarten

**CELEBRATING:** MAYOR TOM WEISNER, CITY OF AURORA, THE DUNHAM FUND, AREA SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AURORA PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION AND ILLINOIS ACTION FOR CHILDREN

In early 2012, Fox Valley United Way was awarded a grant by the Dunham Fund to ignite SPARK, Aurora's Early Learning Initiative. The goal of SPARK is to ensure that all of Aurora's preschoolers have access to quality early learning opportunities. Such programs have proven to bolster school readiness skills including early literacy, math, vocabulary, socialization and self-control—the foundations for success in school and beyond, especially for at-risk children.

The Dunham Fund challenge grant provides \$125,000 in matching funds in each of the first two years of the initiative. Thanks to subsequent donations from founding

partners—the City of Aurora, Aurora West School District 129, Aurora East District 131, Indian Prairie District 204, Oswego District 308 as well as grants from the Aurora Public Library Foundation and Illinois Action for Children—\$250,000 has been raised to support this public/private collaboration.

We celebrate Aurora Mayor Tom Weisner, the Dunham Fund and all our initiative partners. Their dedication to Aurora's youngest citizens will have a powerful effect on our community for years to come, as we help build successful students today and a more prepared workforce for tomorrow.

# OUR LEADERS during the 2011-2012 campaign

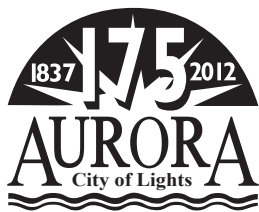
Our sincerest thanks to all of the following donors who qualified for this year's Leadership Giving Society. Their gifts of \$1,000 or more have made a significant impact in our communities this year.

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# OUR SPONSORS during the 2011-2012 campaign

Some are internationally known giants, others have a smaller marketplace. But all provide significant support to the Fox Valley United Way. Support comes in the form of corporate grants and gifts, as well as in-kind services.

## ANNUAL SPONSORS



## MEDIA SPONSORS

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# ADOPT-A-FAMILY HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**CELEBRATING:** AURORA REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AREA BUSINESSES, LOCAL UNIONS, ORGANIZATIONS, FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS

What better way to honor the spirit of the season than to ensure a brighter holiday for a family in need? That's what many companies, organizations, families and individuals considered last year as they raised money and bought presents during our Holiday Assistance campaign.

Each year Fox Valley United Way joins with the Aurora Regional Chamber of Commerce in a heartwarming Adopt-a-Family

program. Contributions last year provided toys, clothing, winter accessories and grocery gift cards to 101 families including 246 children.

We celebrate the Aurora Chamber of Commerce for helping to promote the effort, and the numerous donors who brought both smiles and tears to hundreds of grateful faces last year.

# OUR BOARD, COMMITTEES AND STAFF during the 2011-2012 campaign

The Board of Directors and professional staff of Fox Valley United Way sincerely thank all of the volunteers who serve on the Fox Valley United Way's committees.

## Board of Directors

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Sheriff Dick Randall.*





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# ANNUAL RECOGNITION BREAKFAST

## **CELEBRATING:** OUR PARTNER AGENCIES, DONORS, VOLUNTEERS AND SPONSORS

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It was a standing room only crowd on May 17, 2012 at our Fox Valley United Way Annual Breakfast. As we honored our 90th anniversary, we thanked our donors and volunteers, and awarded a number of individuals for their generosity and selfless service. We heard from individuals whose lives were changed because of the tireless work of our partner

agencies. We expressed gratitude for our Board of Directors, Committee Members and Staff.

We recognized that as we have all come together to “Live United” in the last year, we’ve taken greater steps to bringing real transformation to the Fox Valley. And, we committed to keep doing so for the next 90 years!

# OUR FINANCIAL REPORT during the 2011-2012 campaign

Fox Valley households, individuals and businesses came together during yet another difficult economy to meet the challenge of helping their friends and neighbors. The following data indicate where funds were raised and how they were distributed.

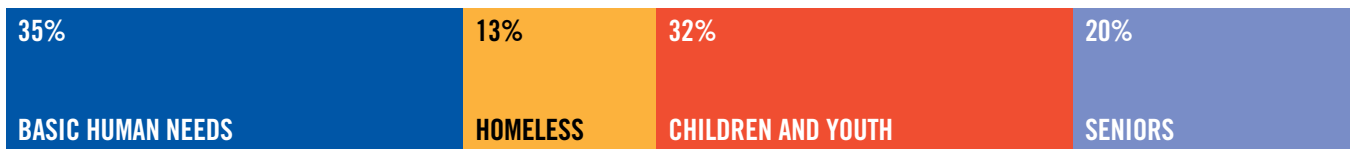
## WHERE WE RAISE MONEY

We obtain funds from three basic and traditional sources:



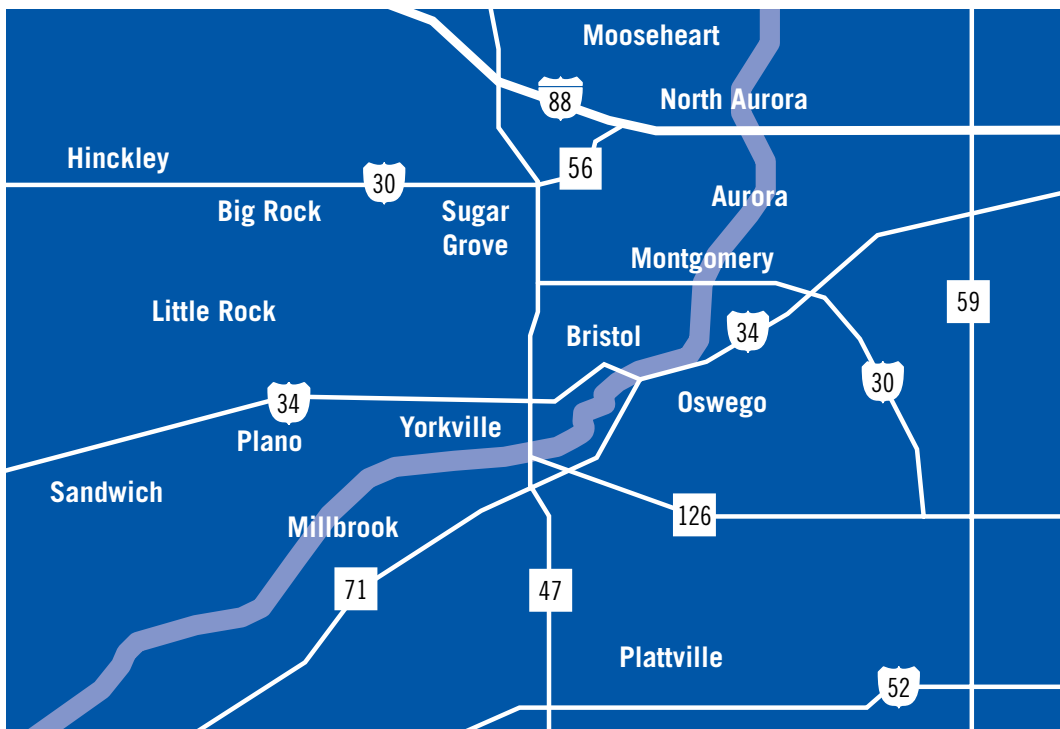
## WHERE WE ALLOCATE FUNDS

We allocate funds based upon requests from our 54 partner agencies to support specific programs. Generally, our funding priorities fall into four high-impact community need categories:



## OUR COVERAGE AREA

Fox Valley United Way provides support to health and human services agencies serving 15 communities in Kane and Kendall Counties.



## OUR WEBSITE

Visit our website for additional information including our full calendar of events: [www.uwfoxvalley.org](http://www.uwfoxvalley.org).

# LIVE UNITED™

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United Way is a worldwide network that advances the common good, creating opportunities for a better life for all by focusing on the three key building blocks of education, income and health. The United Way movement creates long lasting community change by addressing the underlying causes of problems that prevent progress in these areas.

**LIVE UNITED is a call to action for everyone to become a part of the change.**

**GIVE.**

**ADVOCATE.**

**VOLUNTEER.**



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