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Fox Valley United Way

2011 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

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Dear Fox Valley United Way Community,

The job of a superhero is a tough one. Our Fox Valley United Way superheroes work tirelessly to help establish the building blocks for a better life.

Special thanks to those who have supported our 2010–2011 campaign. Through strategic partnerships and your generous donations, we support the work of 54 health and human service agencies in our communities. It is only through the generosity of our volunteers that we bring lasting change to individuals and families in our area.

There were many superheroes that helped support the work of United Way in the past year. Through their generous and kind spirit we were able to make this a better year for many. But our work is not finished. Join us in our continuing mission to assist those who need a hand up.

We look forward to another uplifting year.

Pat Perez
Kane County Sheriff

Dick Randall
Kendall County Sheriff



*Fox Valley United Way Campaign
Co-Chairs, Kane County Sheriff
Pat Perez and Kendall County
Sheriff Dick Randall.*

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A SUPERHERO?

It doesn't take superhuman strength.
It doesn't take a costume.
It *does* take compassion, empathy,
gratitude for what you have and an
appreciation for your fellow man.

Everywhere you go in the Fox Valley area, people are
taking small steps toward great accomplishments.
These people are true superheroes!

What can you do to become a superhero?

All it takes is committing to a single heroic act.

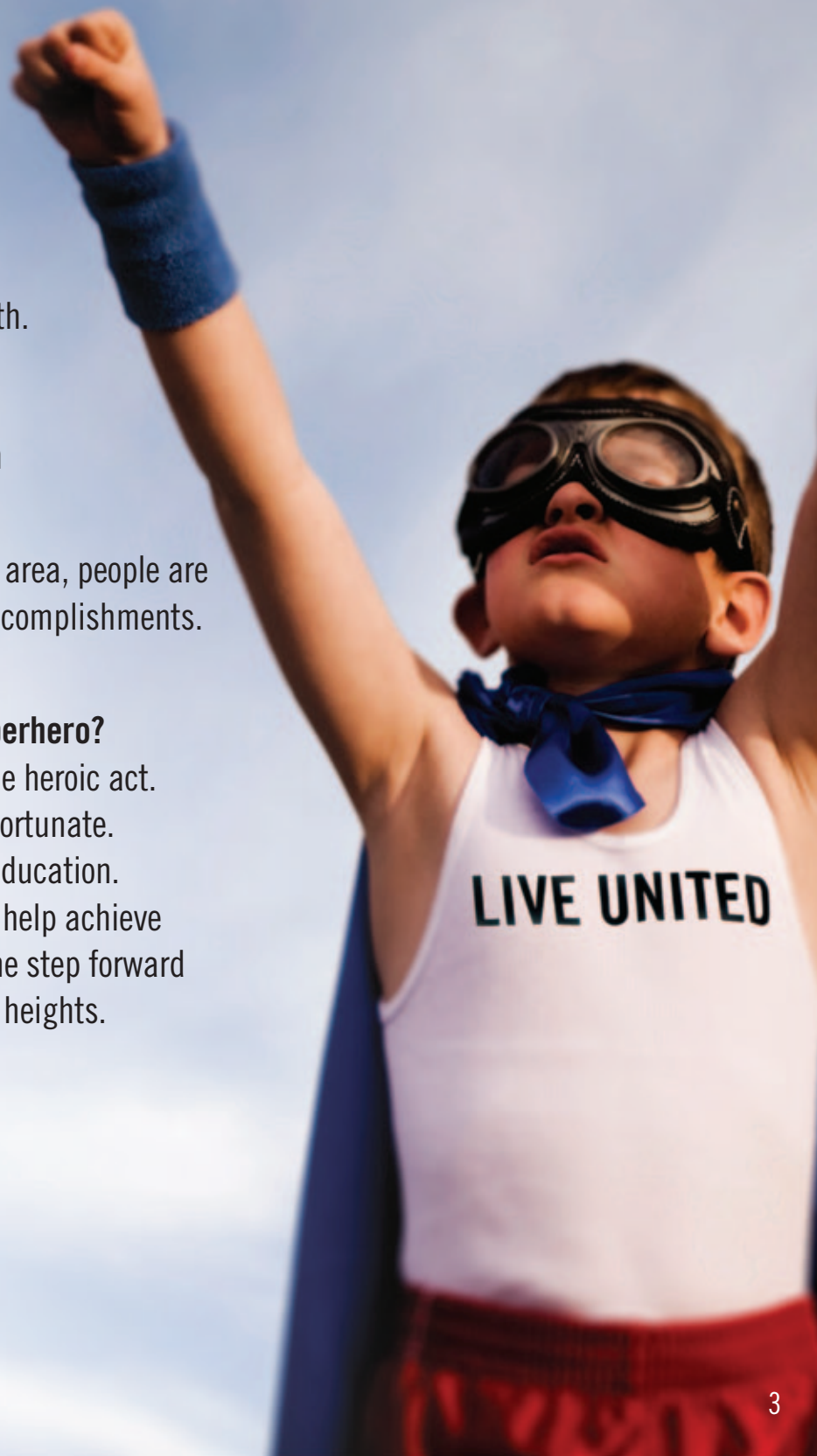
Give of yourself to help those less fortunate.

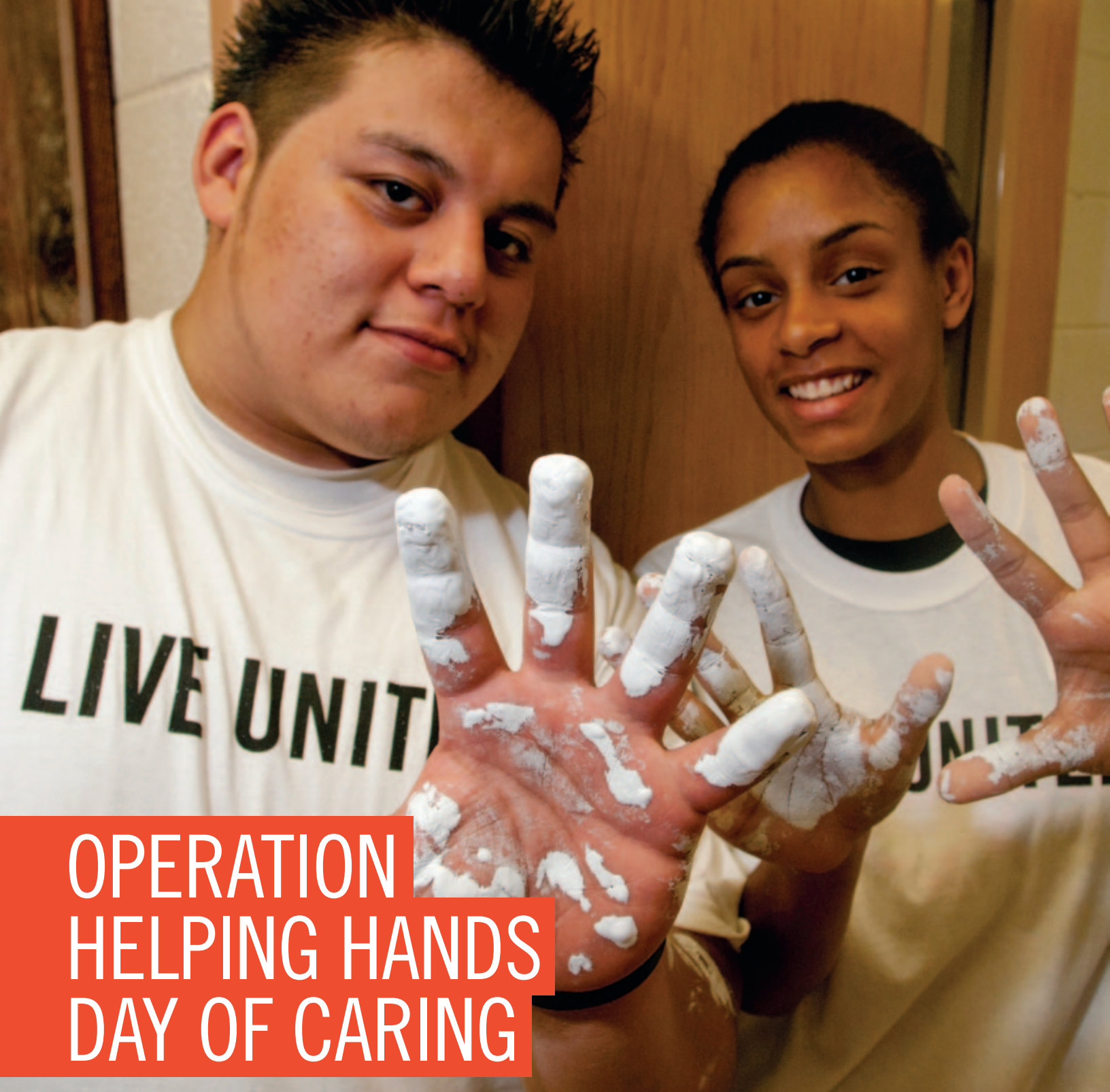
Advocate for higher standards in education.

Volunteer your time and talents to help achieve
a noble cause. If each of us took one step forward
to help we could all soar to greater heights.

Give. Advocate. Volunteer.

BE A SUPERHERO!





OPERATION HELPING HANDS DAY OF CARING

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FEATURED SUPERHEROES: OUR SPONSORING GROUPS AND OVER 400 VOLUNTEERS

On Saturday, June 18, 2011, the Operation Helping Hands Day of Caring coordinated more than 400 volunteers at 14 different locations in a single effort to assist local organizations who need a helping hand to make budget dollars go further. Operation Helping Hands is a collaboration between Fox Valley United Way and local

governments, community groups, area churches and individuals. The volunteers helped with painting, window washing, small repairs, planting flowers, landscaping, cleaning—as many projects as could be completed in a happy day of volunteering.

LIVE UNITED™



Becoming involved is easy. Simply visit www.uwfoxvalley.org or call Fox Valley United Way at 630-896-4636. Tell us you want to help. To Give. To Advocate. To Volunteer. We'll connect you with the organizations where your assistance will make a difference.

GIVE.

Financial contributions from individuals who send checks or donate online at our website, and from businesses that sponsor employee campaigns and often match funds, ensure that agencies can continue to provide needed services.

ADVOCATE.

We need people to speak up and speak out in support of their favorite programs—food pantries, homeless shelters, wellness clinics. The more advocates our agency partners have, the more good we can do together.

VOLUNTEER.

Take registrations at the boat race, provide transportation for seniors, or mentor an at-risk teen. Our partner agencies need volunteers. There is a place for you, your time and your willingness to help.





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FEATURED SUPERHEROES: LOCAL STUDENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS, JEWEL-OSCO, THOUSANDS OF GENEROUS SHOPPERS

On February 6, 2011, the day before Superbowl XLV, more than 100 youth volunteers, along with help from local Jewel-Osco and independent grocery stores, set up for the annual Souper Bowl of Caring. This national event organizes groups to help collect food and money to support

area food pantries. One hundred percent of the money collected each year is donated directly to area charities. We collected more than 2,600 lbs. of food, as well as \$5,100 in cash donations to help feed the growing number of hungry families in our communities.

OUR DONORS

during the 2010-2011 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:

3M	Fifth Third Bank	Northrop Grumman Corp.
AAA Motor Club	GCS Services, Inc.	Novell
Abbott Laboratories	GE Capital	Old Second National Bank
ACXIOM	Geneva Construction Company	O'Reilly Auto Parts
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Baxter Healthcare Corporation	IBM	Senior Services Associates
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WHAT FLOATS YOUR CARDBOARD BOAT RACE

FEATURED SUPERHEROES: LOCAL AREA BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The rain did not dampen our 2011-2012 Campaign Kickoff Event held at Aurora's Phillips Park. Hundreds of spectators came to Mastodon Lake to cheer on the cardboard boats as they raced around the watery course. Splashing, food, prizes and lots of fun were all part of the festivities.

So many superheroes, and everyday heroes like the Aurora Fire Department Rescue Team, were on hand to help kick off this year's campaign to raise \$1.3 million to serve the neediest in our communities.

OUR PARTNER AGENCIES

during the 2010-2011 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 Family YMCA, 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
Center for Rural Psychology, Elburn
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
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
Visiting Nurse Association, Aurora
Wayside Cross Ministries, Aurora
West Aurora School District 129, Aurora
World Relief, Aurora
YWCA Aurora, Aurora





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SUCCESS BY 6 AURORA EARLY LEARNING COUNCIL

FEATURED SUPERHEROES: MAYOR TOM WEISNER AND THE CITY OF AURORA,
ILLINOIS ACTION FOR CHILDREN, YWCA OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO

We know that children who enter kindergarten without key school readiness skills are likely to remain academically behind their peers throughout their school years and are at very high risk of not completing high school. In addition, children are less likely to be ready for school if their parents have low education levels, low incomes, are young, are single parents or have limited English skills. Unfortunately, as many as half of all children under age five in Aurora have one or more of these risk factors.

On June 14, 2011, Fox Valley United Way and the City of Aurora co-hosted an early learning strategy summit,

bringing together elected officials, schools, business leaders and social service agencies to discuss how to join forces to provide the best possible learning opportunities for Aurora's youngest citizens. The Success By 6 Early Learning Council was borne out of this event and is working to increase access by identifying gaps, facilitating strategic partnerships to maximize resources, coordinating service delivery and leveraging funding to create a system of early childhood education to serve every preschooler in Aurora.

OUR LEADERS during the 2010-2011 campaign

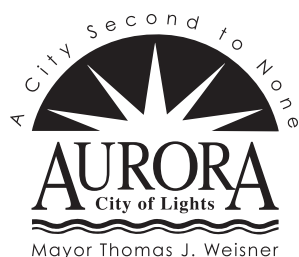
Our sincerest thanks to all of the following donors who qualified for this year's Leadership Giving Society. Their gifts of \$1,000 or more have made a significant impact in our communities this year.

Stephen Anderson	Louise Madonna Finkenbinder	Laurie Marsh	Robert Shedden
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OUR SPONSORS during the 2010-2011 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



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Ginger Creek Community Church
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ANNUAL RECOGNITION BREAKFAST

The Annual Breakfast is an important event where we recognize and thank all of our superheroes who have volunteered, advocated or donated to support Fox Valley United Way and our partner agencies.

So many inspiring stories are shared and everyone in attendance gets to hear about the lives that have been changed through the generosity of others. This is the event where we celebrate the true superheroes of the Fox Valley.

This year's LIVE UNITED Award was shared by Marilyn Weisner, Executive Director of the Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry and Maria Spaeth, Executive Director of the Kendall County Food Pantry. Together these women were able to serve more than 12,500 people each month. Their efforts to keep food on the tables for those less fortunate make them true superheroes.

OUR BOARD, COMMITTEES AND STAFF during the 2010-2011 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.

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ADOPT-A-FAMILY HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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FEATURED SUPERHEROES: THE AURORA REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE WRIGLEY COMPANY, OTHER LOCAL BUSINESSES, THEIR CUSTOMERS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES

Fox Valley United Way teams with the Aurora Regional Chamber of Commerce in a special Adopt-a-Family holiday program and partners with a community of local businesses, churches, social service organizations, government agencies and individuals to distribute Christmas presents to local families in need.

Last holiday season our generous superheroes—including the largest single contribution from the employees of the Wrigley Company—made a huge difference in the lives of many families struggling in the Fox Valley area. We were able to give 204 children and 92 families a wonderful season and a reason for celebrating.

OUR FINANCIAL REPORT

for the 2010-2011 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:



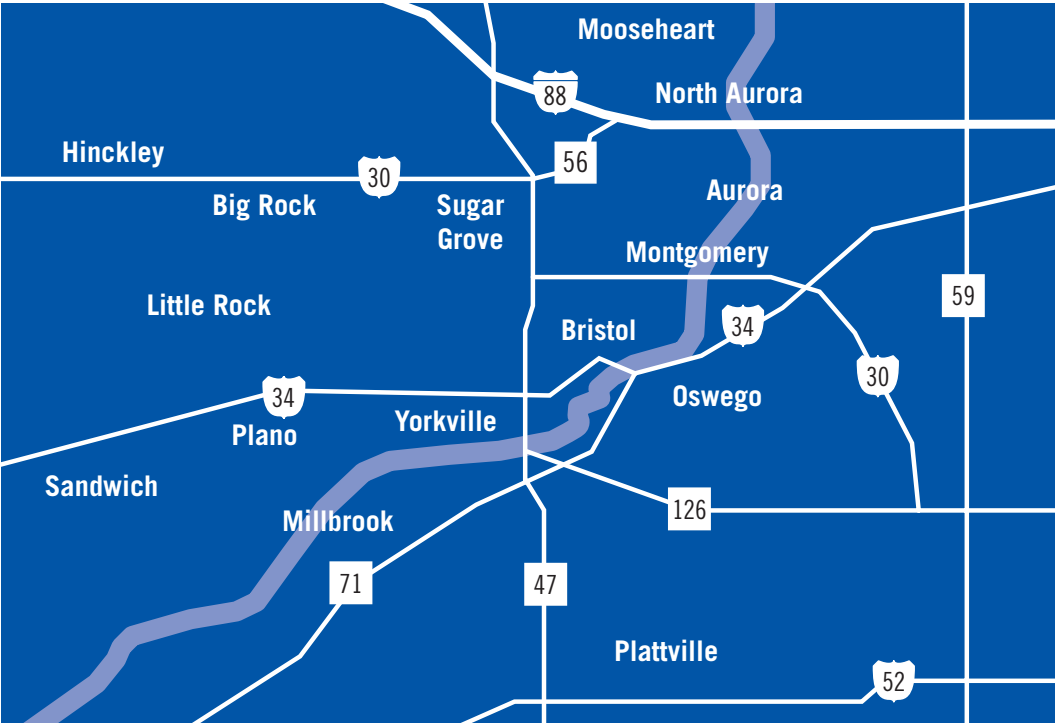
WHERE WE ALLOCATE FUNDS

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.

LIVE UNITED™



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.

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