

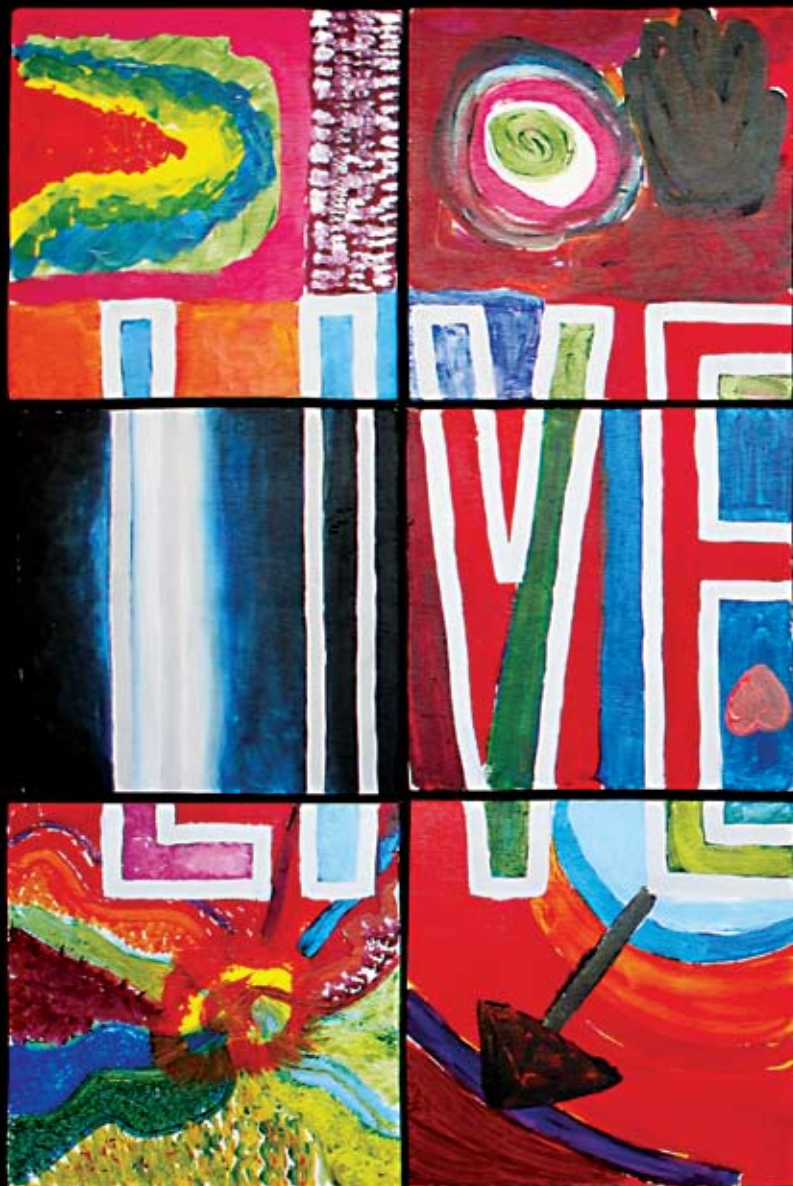
# GIVE.ADVOCATE.VOLUNTEER. LIVE UNITED™

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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.

**Join us. Give. Advocate. Volunteer.**  
**LIVE UNITED.**



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# UNITED WE STAND: COMMUNITIES PULLING TOGETHER

2010 Fox Valley United Way Report to the Community



Fox Valley United Way

# OUR COMMUNITY

Our cover artwork, a mural consisting of 18 separate paintings was created for the Fox Valley United Way by Krug Elementary School students and Triple Threat Mentoring volunteers. Individual designs came together to celebrate the United Way theme, “LIVE UNITED.”

Triple Threat Mentoring in Aurora offers urban youth exceptional opportunities to grow in athletics, academics and the arts. This mural is a great showcase of their efforts and talent.



Fox Valley United Way provides support to health and human service agencies serving 14 communities in Kane and Kendall counties:

**Aurora**

**Big Rock**

**Bristol**

**Hinckley**

**Little Rock**

**Millbrook**

**Montgomery**

**Mooseheart**

**North Aurora**

**Oswego**

**Plano**

**Plattville**

**Sugar Grove**

**Yorkville**

Dear Fox Valley United Way Community,

Looking back on the last two years as co-chairs of the Fox Valley United Way's fundraising campaign, we realize that we've met so many wonderful people who have touched our lives. In fact, we have had the pleasure of making friends with both volunteers and families in need. Thank you for such a memorable experience.

Special thanks to those who have supported our 2009-2010 campaign. As sheriffs for Kane and Kendall counties, we see firsthand how these donations support the work of 57 health and human service agencies in our communities. It is your generosity that is bringing lasting change to individuals and families in our area.

We are proud of the work that we have helped to support. Additionally, we salute all those who have donated time and resources to make this a better year for many.

Together we can continue to make a difference.

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.*

The national and local economic downturn means many of our neighbors continue to struggle financially. All of the social service agencies we support have experienced increased demand for their services.

Again this year, we are amazed by the generosity of those who give, advocate and volunteer. Through their efforts, we are able to continue to develop programs to meet the critical health and human service needs in our area.

*Below (left to right): Two local middle school students, Santan and Sriram Katragadda, raised more than \$2,000 coordinating the 2009 Kids Talent Show; 2009 Boat Race participants from Hope for Tomorrow; More than 450 volunteers attended the Operation Helping Hands event sponsored by Fox Valley United Way in association with Ginger Creek Community Church.*



- Two local middle school students, **Santan** and **Sriram Katragadda**, produced and coordinated the **2009 Kids Talent Show**, raising more than \$2,000 for families in need.
- **The Holiday Assistance Program** provided holiday cheer, gifts and food to more than 2200 people in our service area. Special recognition went to the **Wrigley Corporation**, the **East Aurora Hero Club**, and the **Fox Valley Building and Trades Council** for providing their time, talent, and money to help with this worthwhile cause.
- **Jewel-Osco** provided space in seven stores for the **Souper Bowl of Caring** event in February. This year, our volunteers collected more than a ton of non-perishable items for the Aurora Interfaith and Kendall County food pantries and more than \$4,000 in cash donations!
- George Hood rode a stationary bike continuously for 175 hours in an attempt to break the Guinness World Record of 192 hours and raised over \$16,000 in his **Ride IV Reasons Fundraiser**, also known as “Ride, George, Ride.”
- More than 450 volunteers tackled cleaning, painting and landscaping projects at 11 different Kane County sites as part of **Operation Helping Hands 2010!** Operation Helping Hands, a collaboration between Fox Valley United Way and Ginger Creek Community Church encourages volunteers to tangibly serve the very organizations that provide support to individuals and families in the community.

**The fact is that every contribution—large or small—has been significant. In this time of financial crisis for so many of our friends and neighbors, the Fox Valley community has embraced this need and has stepped up to the challenge to LIVE UNITED.**



*Local area youth participate in Chris Brown's Next Level Foundation program that teaches football and life skills.*



# United we make a big difference in the Fox Valley.

**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.

Becoming involved is easy. Simply log on to [www.uwfoxvalley.org](http://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.



# LIVE UNITED™



# OUR COMMUNITY EVENTS

Our staff and volunteers work year-round to raise funds and distribute monies to our partner health and human service agencies. During the year, we undertake some special activities that make the effort all the more worthwhile.



## FEBRUARY Souper Bowl of Caring

A community-wide effort the day before the NFL's Super Bowl game, this annual event brings together more than 100 youth volunteers with local Jewel-Osco and independent grocery stores to help collect food and money to support area food pantries.



## MAY Annual Breakfast

The Annual Breakfast is an important event where we recognize and thank our volunteers, donors and organizations who help support Fox Valley United Way and our partner agencies. We invite several people, whose lives have recently been helped through our support, to share their stories. These touching true stories that often start with sadness, end with hope and bring purpose to our efforts.



## JUNE Operation Helping Hands

This event brings more than 450 volunteers together in clean-up, fix-up activities at local organizations where Helping Hands are needed to make budget dollars go further. A collaboration of Fox Valley United Way with local government, community groups, area churches and individuals, Operation Helping Hands volunteers paint ... wash windows ... plant flowers ... fix sticky doors — take on whatever projects can be completed in a happy day of volunteering.



## **JULY** **Chris Brown** **Football Camp**

We join with local NFL star Chris Brown's Next Level Foundation in a program that teaches area youngsters football and life skills. More than 300 youth and more than 100 volunteers are involved in this two-day event in July. Other sponsors include the City of Aurora, Heritage YMCA, Aurora Housing Authority and Ginger Creek Community Church.



## **AUGUST** **What Floats Your** **Cardboard Boat Race**

Our Campaign Kickoff Event draws hundreds of spectators who come to Aurora's Phillips Park Mastodon Lake to cheer on their favorite cardboard boats. Come watch or participate in the fun as homemade, creatively-decorated boats race around a special course. Awards are given including the Most Spectacular Sinking. Splashing, food, prizes and lots of fun are all part of the festivities.



## **DECEMBER** **Holiday** **Assistance**

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.

*NFL running back Chris Brown  
hosts his annual two-day free  
football camp for Naperville  
and Aurora Youth.  
Photo: Karen Spence*



# OUR DONORS

*during the 2009–2010 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:**

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Association for Individual Development	Harris Bank	PolyOne
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Best Buy	Indian Prairie School District 204	State Farm Insurance Co.
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Commonwealth Edison	Johnson Controls, Inc.	United Health
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*Volunteers assisted at more than 11 different Kane County sites during the Operation Helping Hands event.*



# OUR LEADERS during the 2009–2010 Campaign

**Our sincere 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 community this year.**

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*Below (left to right): Local youth participate in the 2009 Chris Brown Football Camp; Participants have a blast at the 2009 What Floats Your Boat Cardboard Boat Race; Student volunteers from Yorkville Middle School collect donations at the 2010 Souper Bowl of Caring.*



*Aurora Regional Fire Museum's  
entry in the 2009 Boat Race event.*

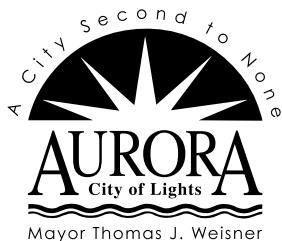


# OUR SPONSORS

during the 2009–2010 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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## In-Kind Sponsors

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Dick's Mini Donuts

Ginger Creek Community Church

Special thanks to Perry Slade of SLADEIMAGES; Karen Spence of KS Creative; and Bobette Wolf of Malcolm Wolf who have provided photography of our events.

*Below (left to right): Happy volunteers help out during Operation Helping Hands; Board Chair Dick Schindel, joins student volunteers at the Souper Bowl of Caring event in February 2010; The Cardboard Boat Race held at Mastadon Lake kicks off our annual campaign.*



*Even youngsters turned out to help during Operation Helping Hands.*



# OUR PARTNER AGENCIES

*during the 2009–2010 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

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Aurora

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Elburn

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Aurora

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**First Book – Aurora**  
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**Fox Valley Academy of  
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Aurora

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**Fox Valley Hospice**  
Geneva

**Fox Valley Family YMCA**  
Plano

**Gateway Foundation**  
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**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

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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

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St. Charles

**Public Action to Deliver Shelter**  
Aurora

**Quad County Urban League**  
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**Senior Services Associates**  
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**Wayside Cross Ministries**  
Aurora

**West Aurora  
School District 129**  
Aurora

**World Relief**  
Aurora

**YWCA Aurora**  
Aurora

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during the 2009–2010 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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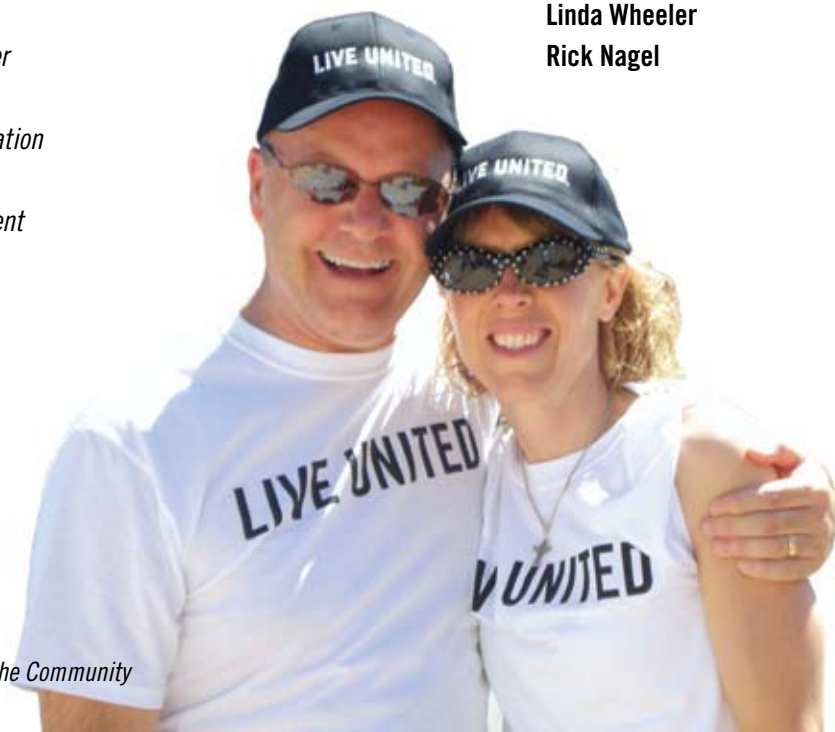
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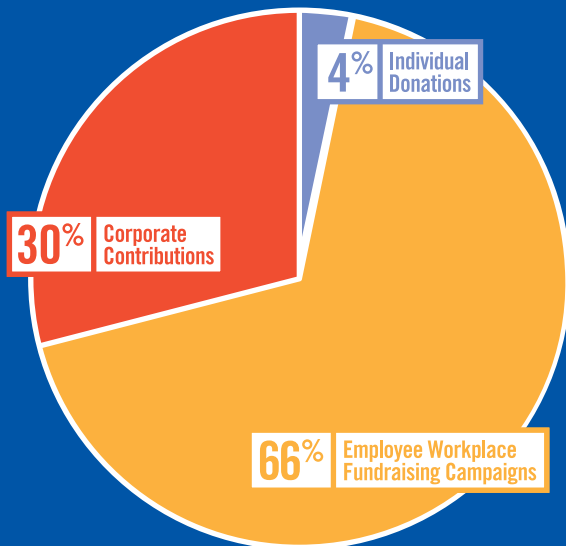


# OUR FINANCIAL REPORT

Fox Valley households, individuals and businesses came together during 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 during our 2009–2010 campaign.

## Where We Raise Money

We obtain funds from three basic and traditional sources: workplace fundraising campaigns, corporate contributions and individual donations.



## Where We Allocate Funds

We allocate funds based upon requests from our 57 partner agencies to support specific programs. Generally, our funding priorities fall into four high-impact community need categories: Basic human needs...homelessness...children and youth...and seniors.

