

United Way of Monroe County Fact Sheet 2010

UWMC Vision – That all residents, employees and businesses feel a sense of community and are fully engaged as active contributors, advocates and volunteers for the well being of our community.

UWMC Mission – To more fully engage the people and businesses in order to measurably improve lives in Monroe County.

UWMC Core Values –

1. **Measurement:** Everything we do will be measured for its impact and effectiveness in our community.
2. **Involvement:** Monroe County citizens will be encouraged to participate in the mission of the UWMC.
3. **Transparency:** The UWMC will be accountable and transparent to the public.
4. **Relationships:** Expanding relations with contributors, human service advocates and community volunteers is fundamental to our success.

Campaign & Administrative Costs – 12.6% percent in 2009-10. More importantly, 87.4% of campaign funds raised were used for community services.

UWMC Strategic Goals:

- Helping Children Succeed
- Engaging Youth in the Community
- Meeting Basic Needs
- Promoting Self Sufficiency

• UNITED WAY Impact: 2009-2010

- **Grant Allocations** – United Way’s unique process of using a diverse group of community volunteers to annually review funding applications for local non-profit programs . Each allocation decision means greater accountability for donor contributions. For the 2010-2011 fiscal year, grants totaling \$518,537, for 40 programs run by 23 United Way partner agencies, are being distributed.
- **Teen Works Initiative** – Teen Works combines local adult mentors and representatives from every high school in Monroe County to make community improvement grants to other local teens. Since its initial year in 2005, the Teen Works Board has approved 24 grants totaling \$16,024.
- **Youth Allocations Panel** – Empowering high school students from Monroe County school districts to oversee and make decisions about the distribution of funds to programs that involve or positively impact youth. Since its first year in 2001, a total of \$60,000 has been granted by these teens for youth related projects by partner agencies.
- **Day of Caring: April 22, 2010**– 202 volunteers from 26 companies volunteered their time and energy for a fun day of meaningful, hands-on projects. Volunteers completed 42 projects at 19 non-profit agencies throughout Monroe County, resulting in 1,306 hours of service with a cash value of \$27,230 (@\$20.85 per hr).
- **Rapid Response Team Member** – Working in collaboration with state labor representatives and other local groups to assist laid-off employees make the transition after job loss.
- **In-Kind Gifts** – United Way helps local retailers and businesses redistribute surplus products to those in need. Over the past year, over \$47,000 in new and used merchandise and office equipment were redistributed to local families, individuals and our United Way partner agencies.
- **Fiscal Agent for Grants** – In 2010, United Way will continue to administer a grant for senior energy assistance in Monroe County. United Way is also conducting an audit of youth programs in Monroe County, thanks to a federal stimulus grant. 6 local high school students are helping to compile the inventory project, which will ultimately result in a database accessible on the United Way website (www.unitedwaymonroe.org).

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- **Sample Outcomes from Community Fund/Targeted Area Grants:**
 - 322 clients of the Home Delivered Meals program, funded by the United Way, received two meals per day per week with some clients receiving them seven days per week. 86% felt improved well-being and 60% reported a positive weight change.
 - Twelve families that participated in the Transitional Housing program, funded by the United Way, have moved into their own home and saved at least 30% of their income for housing costs.
 - The Shelter program for victims of sexual assault and/or domestic violence, funded by the United Way, provided 130 adults and children with 2,000 days of shelter. Upon leaving the shelter, 67% of victims gained safe housing.
 - Out of 92 children who participated in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program, funded by the United Way, 89% showed moderate to significant gains in increased self-confidence, 90% showed measurable improvement in communications skills and 77% exhibited improved academic performance, school attitude and preparedness.
 - 100% of the children of the 188 families enrolled in the Headstart program, funded by the United Way, had their medical, behavior, dental health, and nutrition needs identified and received follow up care. Also, 100% of 4-yr-olds demonstrated improvements in learning, social/emotional development and language.
 - Out of 96 children in the Early Intervention program, funded by the United Way, 32 children with developmental delays reduced their delay to fewer than 25% of their chronological age, and 15 children were able to fully eliminate any development delay.
 - Of 1,213 total patients in Home Care, funded by United Way, 1,063, or 88%, were discharged with goals met (either self-sufficient or no longer need care).
 - Of 137 youth, 105 have completed the Summer Youth Employment Program, funded by United Way, with 23 working full-time jobs, 11 working part-time jobs and 52 working full-time seasonal (summer) jobs. 100% have completed the application process and are registered on CareerLink.
 - 100% of 10 middle school students enrolled in Equine Experiential Learning, funded by United Way, for emotional support and learning demonstrated improved behavior in school settings, specifically 80% increase in attention span; 75% reduction of hyperactivity and impulsive behaviors; 50% increase in functional behavior with 20% reduction in severity; 15% reduction in disruptive incidents with 100% reduction in severity.
 - 137 clients who received services from by the Visual Impairment and Blindness Services program demonstrated the ability to live independently in their own homes; 78 received transportation to health care and other essential services; 39 demonstrated new life and coping skills from classes and support groups; 900 children and adults had their vision screened and learned about eye health and safety.