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GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER LIVE UNITED™

The United Way of Grundy County is proud to announce that we have raised our campaign goal to **\$405,000** for 2009. This is the largest goal in the 63 year history of UWGC. This is an aggressive goal considering the current economy, but we know that the Grundy County community will respond to the ever growing needs of the Grundy County residents.

United Way believes that it takes everyone in a community working together to create a brighter future. Together we can accomplish more than any single group can. When we reach out a hand to one we can influence the conditions of all. Together, united, we can inspire hope and create opportunities for a better tomorrow. This is what it means to **Live United in Grundy County.**

This year the United Way received an overwhelming increase in requests for grant funding. Due to the success of last year's campaign we are able to support four new Partner Agencies. They include: Joliet Area Community Hospice, Will County Children's Advocacy Center, Breaking Away and Aunt Martha's. With these additions we currently support 27 not-for-profit Partner Agencies that provide 44 vital programs and service to the residents of Grundy County.

We currently have 15 volunteer board members that are committed to our organization and its mission to unite people and resources in a community-wide effort to change lives. The Board of Directors of The United Way of Grundy County takes great pride in our high accountability. It is important for us to maintain high standards, and this is part of the process to confirm that our operations are transparent and meet or exceed United Way membership requirements.

The United Way of Grundy County concentrates on four focus areas that will create "the building block for a good life". The focus areas include; Fulfilling Basic Human Needs; Helping Youth Succeed; Increasing Independence and Self-sufficiency; Promoting Individual, Family Health and Wellness.

Living United in Grundy County means when you impact a child, you impact a family; when you impact a family, you influence a community; and, when you influence a community, you can change the world!

If you would like to find out more about how you or the company you work for can Live United call the United Way of Grundy County at (815) 942-4430.

2008 United Way of Grundy County

Pacesetter Award

Awarded to companies that have employee campaigns that have exceed the previous year's campaign.

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Community Investment Partners

2009

American Red Cross Grundy Chapter	Grundy County Volunteer Hospice
Aunt Martha's	Guardian Angel Community Services
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Will and Grundy Counties	Illinois Valley Industries
Boy Scouts of America Rainbow Council	Joliet Area Community Hospice
Breaking Away Inc.	Prairie State Legal Services
Breaking Free	Salvation Army
Catholic Charities/ Day Break Shelter	Senior Services Center of Will County
Child Care Resource and Referral	Stepping Stones, Inc.
Community Nutrition Network	United Cerebral Palsy of Illinois Prarieland
Crisis Line of Grundy County	We Care of Grundy County
Easter Seals Joliet Region, Inc.	Will County Children's Advocacy Center
Family Counseling Agency	Will-Grundy Center for Independent Living
Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana	Will-Grundy Medical Clinic
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