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United Way Announces \$1,000,000 Goal

\$70,000 match opportunity available through Eli Lilly Endowment

United Way of Madison County's annual campaign officially launched Tuesday, September 13 with a community luncheon for volunteers and supporters at Hoosier Park Racing Casino and the announcement of a \$1,000,000 campaign goal to the theme "Better Tomorrows Start With You Today."

Rotary President Lisa Floyd opened the Anderson Rotary hosted event. United Way of Madison County President Nancy Vaughan shared the results of community conversations held over the spring and summer months. She stated, "People don't feel engaged or involved, but they would like to be if they knew how. We need to do things, not just talk about things and we need to do the things

that people want done. There is a strong belief that our community and its people are better than what is often said about us, but we can be our own worst enemy. There is general agreement that we need a vision, we need to work together, we need to listen to each other, and believe in ourselves and others." She added, "From those conversations, we've created an issue map and as we work, we are using the map and feedback to help us create strategies that respond to these issues and areas of concern. We want to include every group and leader in these discussions because this isn't a proprietary model - it only works if we ALL work it."

Jim Brown, Hoosier Park president and 2011-

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Callaway Park Born Learning Trail Dedicated

Born Learning Connection, City of Elwood, Elwood Optimist Club, Elwood Community Development Corporation and United Way of Madison County dedicated Madison County's sixth outdoor learning trail at Callaway Park on Saturday, May 21. The park is located at 1135 N. 19th Street in Elwood.

The event theme, "This Land is our Land," honored our men and women in the armed forces, and parents and caregivers that support early education for young children. Volunteers distributed books, balloons and refreshments to children ages 0-5. Elwood Police and Fire Departments distributed flags and medals to children in honor of Armed Forces Day.

The Callaway Park trail was funded by the Elwood Optimist Club, City of Elwood and Elwood Community Development Corporation. The trail includes signs in both Spanish and English. Tom Austin, trail organizer and former Elwood Community Schools Superintendent said, "I am very excited about the new Callaway Park Born Learning Trail. The trail will provide parents and extended family members a wonderful and engaging opportunity to

help boost children's language and literacy skills. The trail will certainly improve the quality of life in our community."

The City of Elwood Parks and Recreation provided space and the labor to install the trail. Alisha Copus, trail committee member said, "Great things happen when people work together."



\$1,000,000 Goal Continued

2012 campaign chairperson, announced the 2011 fund raising goal of \$1,000,000, leadership giving campaigns, the new Text2Give program, Lilly Endowment match, and recognized volunteers who will assist with campaign calls over the next two months. Jim Brown stated, "Any new donation this year will again be supported by the Eli Lilly Endowment through the Indiana Association of United Ways. The endowment will provide a dollar for dollar match for up to \$70,000

that we raise by December 31, 2011. We will use the additional match to fund the Mentoring Initiative of Madison County, focused on helping Madison County middle school students succeed in school."

Tom VanOsdol, 2013-14 campaign chairperson; Born Learning Connection Director Joanne Hadley, Volunteer Action Center Director Caleb Fiechter, and Mentoring Initiative Coordinator Daniel Wohlberg also lent their personalities to the program.



Caleb Fiechter and Daniel Wohlberg take part in the kick-off event.

Team leaders for the campaign are Gary Erskine, corporate gifts chairperson and Kim Contos, individual gifts chairperson. Jim Brown, Kirk Klabunde and Kim Contos are leading special events. Dozens of additional volunteers make up the campaign committee teams.

The Hoosier Park Summer Concert Series raised \$11,000 in new campaign dollars. Upcoming campaign activities include the Indiana Derby auction on Saturday, October 1 at Hoosier Park and the final campaign report to the community tentatively scheduled for January 2012.

The kick-off event was sponsored by Aspire Indiana, Cardon & Associates, Community Hospital Anderson, First Merchants Bank of Central Indiana, Hoosier Park Racing Casino, and Saint John's Health System/St. Vincent Mercy Hospital, and was hosted by Anderson Rotary.

DAY OF ACTION 2011

Adult Volunteers needed for Mentoring Initiative

Promotions in the real and virtual worlds, beginning with a yard full of "kids" on the lawn of the Anderson City Building helped promote the need for mentors on United Way's Day of Action, June 16. The event encouraged adult volunteers to register to mentor Madison County middle school youth.

Madison County's Mentoring Initiative launched in January, with an open invitation to contact Daniel Wohlberg, Mentoring Initiative coordinator, to find out how to become involved. Mentoring involves time, but not a lot and not much else. Given the wide array of programs and formats, interested adults and older teens who want to become involved should be able find a fit to share their experience, skills, and most of all, their desire to make a difference in the life of a young person.

Make a decision to act. That's often the most difficult part. Taking that first step is as easy as logging onto VolunteerMadisonCounty.org or calling **765-643-7493**.



United Way Names Janice Kaye, Haskell Counts & Saint John's Health System 2011 Volunteer, RSVP Volunteer and Business of the Year



Award Recipients Left to Right: Haskell Counts, Janice Kay and Tom VanOsdol

Janice Kaye was announced as United Way of Madison County's 2011 Volunteer of the Year at its annual meeting March 9 at The Edgewood Golf & Dining. This annual award recognizes the achievements of outstanding volunteers that have contributed time, talent and financial support to the community. Haskell Counts of Anderson was named RSVP Volunteer of the Year and Saint John's Health System was named Business of the Year.

Janice is the Elwood Community Schools Director of Special Services, responsible for Special Education, Title I, Migrant Education and most other federal programs.

Janice joined United Way of Madison County's board in 2005 and serves as the Early Childhood Vision Council and Community Impact Committee Chairperson. She has also participated on the United Way Strategic Impact Committee and Transformation Task Force and has been the employee campaign coordinator for Elwood Schools for the past six years!

In addition to her work with United Way, Janice has been a tireless advocate for early childhood education and for children with special needs volunteering her time to the Madison County Step Ahead Council and First Steps Council, serving as Elwood's district representative to C.A.P.E., and she adds most recently to her long list of volunteer service- recent graduate of Madison County Leadership Academy and chair of the Early Education Subcommittee of the Madison County Education Coalition.

Elwood Community Schools Superintendent and colleague Glen Nelson states, "It has been an honor to work alongside a lady who has dedicated so much time and effort promoting the welfare and literacy of our communities' young people. I've watched her over this past year carrying out the various duties of her position- she doesn't understand the concept of saying no to a request for taking on another task. Where she finds the energy to keep up the pace is beyond me, but somehow I'm glad and proud that she has continued to give in so many ways for so many years."

Haskell Counts of Anderson was awarded RSVP Volunteer of the Year. This is the first RSVP volunteer recognition awarded by United Way of Madison County since granted the program in January 2010. Judy Lippman of Saint John's said, "Haskell will celebrate 20 years of service as a volunteer for Saint John's this year and he has given 5,484 hours of service to us. He is a wonderful person who truly exemplifies our mission. He is so very kind and helpful to our customers. The associates in the department where he volunteers love him."

President Nancy Vaughan said, "Saint John's Health System is a true community partner in all sense of the word. They go above and beyond in their support of United Way and the community and truly demonstrate what it means to LIVE UNITED. We are pleased to recognize Saint John's Health System as our 2011 Business of the year."

Lead by President, Tom VanOsdol, Saint John's Health System employees have consistently lead Madison County's workplace division for years contributing \$840,000 to United Way of Madison County in the last ten years. Their employees have volunteered countless hours in our community and to United Way serving on individual and corporate gifts campaign committees, community impact and engagement committees and other strategic initiative committees. They have also sent teams of employees to weatherize homes every fall during our annual Operation Weatherization event and have provided leadership to our board and campaign over the years. Saint John's Health System has provided financial support to Madison County Covering Kids and Families, our health initiative, and has provided housing for a year to our two AmeriCorp VISTAS.



YMCA President, Tom Ross visits with some of the 95 kids between the ages of 6-14 that participated in the YMCA's 10-week summer day camp. The camp encouraged athletic participation and included daily learning activities. It also included field trips to Conner Prairie, Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis Zoo and Mounds Park.

United Way Board of Directors Approves Community Support Budget

United Way of Madison County's Board of Directors approved the 2011 community support budget of \$984,686 at its March meeting. "Thanks to the dedication of volunteers and staff, and the generosity of thousands of individuals and organizations, we're able to again direct nearly \$1 million back to the community despite continued economic challenges. Local organizations are working together more than ever to address immediate needs while our vision council volunteers and board leaders are helping us identify and secure strategies that will build a stronger sustainable future for all." said President Nancy Vaughan.

Certified agencies will receive \$520,409 to fund 27 programs over the year and community impact strategies Born Learning Connection, Community Access Network (CAN), and the Youth Mentoring Initiative will receive \$125,900. Covering Kids and Families of Madison County, Indiana's Hardest Hit Fund/Volunteer Action Center, RSVP, and the Mentoring Initiative will receive \$166,667 from additional leveraged resource development opportunities. Program funding is awarded annually April 1 through March 31 based on requests from certified agencies.

Local organizations will also receive \$97,119 in donor directed funds from the fall 2010 campaign. In addition, board members have set aside \$10,000 for discretionary funding, \$60,000 for UCAP (Utility Assistance Fund) and \$5,000 for CANEN (Community Access Network Exceptional Needs Fund). UCAP and CANEN are shared funding pools that may be used to assist clients by any one of the CAN partner organizations.

2011-2012 Certified Agency Funded Programs

Alexandria Community Center
 Services for Youth \$10,000
 Community Awareness Program \$6,565

Alternatives Inc.
 No Room for Domestic Violence-Elwood \$20,755
 Employment Training..... \$5,500
 Supportive Housing Program \$36,975

Anderson Public Library
 At Home with Books..... \$13,000

American Red Cross of Greater Indianapolis
 Emergency Disaster Assistance \$10,000

Aspire Indiana Behavioral Health
 Home Again \$12,500

Character Counts! of Madison County
 Parent of Character \$3,000

Children's Bureau
 Any Child \$40,000

Dove Harbor
 Graduate After Care Program \$3,500

East Central Indiana CASA
 Child Advocate Program \$11,000

Gateway Association
 Developmental Learning Center \$40,000

Hopewell Center
 Homestart Early Learning \$30,000
 Early Head Start \$23,000

House of Hope
 Halfway House \$45,000

LifeStream, Inc.
 211 \$18,000

Madison County Community Health Center
 Patient Assistance \$8,000

Pendleton Community Library
 Read "n" Feed \$13,000

Second Harvest Food Bank
 Produce Program \$40,000
 Coordinated Approach Hunger \$25,000



The Alternatives' Kid Connection program is teaching children to give back to the community. Kids adopted the downtown corner in front of the Paramount by planting and caring for flowers that beautified the downtown landmark.

Grant Increases Child Care Standards

Gentle Shepherd's Preschool and Childcare, a ministry of Ford Street United Methodist Church, Lapel, is the first in our Child Care Resource and Referral 10-county service area and the 31st of 729 registered childcare ministries in the state to successfully complete the Family and Social Services Administration, Division of Family Resources, Bureau of Child Care Voluntary Certification Program (VCP), the

voluntary childcare quality rating system that has been implemented in the state of Indiana.

"These accomplishments would have been financially out of reach without the support of organizations such as United Way," stated Nicki Vibbert, director. The United Way of Madison County in partnership with the United Ways of Delaware County and Whitewater Valley (Wayne and Union Counties) and the Henry County United Fund offered the grant to the 37 registered childcare ministries located within the five collaborating counties. Seven organizations – three in Madison County - applied for mini grants for

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- Nicki Vibbert
Director, Gentle Shepherd's

capital improvements that help the organizations meet VCP health and safety standards. Additional assistance for cribs replacement to meet new federal safety standards was also offered to applicants upon VCP completion.

"We decided to access the extra support because we want to build positive relationships and partnerships with families and the community to support the growth and development of each individual child in our care," said Vibbert. Gentle Shepherd accepts children ages six weeks through 12 years and operates from 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Gentle Shepherd received nearly \$8,167 from the total grant funds of \$62,500, provided through a collaboration grant from the Indiana Association of United Ways (IaUW) and funded by Lilly Endowment. The overall goal of the collaboration is to promote quality child care for all children and all families. Partnering with Huffer Memorial Childcare Center's Childcare Resource and Referral program (CCR&R) and the Indiana Association for Childcare Resource and Referral (IACCR), mini-grant participants are provided mentors to help identify areas of need and develop plans of action to increase the quality of care.

"IACCR is committed to increasing the capacity of high quality child care in Indiana," stated Marsha Thompson, executive director. "We know high quality child care is essential to healthy communities, school readiness and lifelong learning."

The IaUW offers collaboration grants, funded by Lilly Endowment, to four or more members on a competitive basis. The partners provided 25 percent of the total funds as the required match. For more information on Paths to Quality, log on to www.iaccrr.org/families or www.huffermcc.org.

Social Health Association of Indiana
Healthy Choices Initiative\$6,900

Sowers of Seeds
Intensive Outpatient\$24,522
Relapse Prevention\$7,192

YMCA of Madison County
(Anderson & Elwood)
Kids Zone\$17,000
Sports/Summer Camps\$25,000
Membership Programming\$25,000

2010-2011 Strategic Initiatives Funding

Community Access Network (CAN)
.....\$30,000
Born Learning Connection\$55,900
Mentoring Initiative.....\$40,000

2010-2011 Leveraged Funding

Born Learning Connection\$25,000
Covering Kids and Families
of Mad. Co.\$65,000
Madison County RSVP\$45,900
Volunteer Action Center
(Hardest Hit Fund)\$30,767

Pendleton Community Library purchases one-of-a-kind cargo trailer for Read 'n' Feed program

The Library purchased a covered cargo trailer, currently the only one-of-its-kind in the country, to house a fully functioning library with capabilities to check out books, magazines, and DVD's. This mobile trailer also distributed non-perishable food items as well as fresh produce donated from the Pendleton Community Garden. The Read 'n' Feed trailer traveled to Fall Creek, Green and Adams townships each week throughout the summer. Read 'n' Feed is a summer reading project partnered by the Pendleton Community Public Library, the Friends of the Library, United Way of Madison County and the South Madison Community Foundation.



5 Five join United Way Board

United Way of Madison County began 2011 with five new board members serving the organization that include Lindsay Brown, Jonathon Cook, Gary Erskine, Susie Maier, and Brett Spangler. Board members completing their terms December 31, 2010 include Rich DeHaven, serving on the board since 1995; Mike Harris, serving on the board since 2008; Duane Hoak, serving on the board since 1999; and Sandy Volk, serving on the board since 1998.

Lindsay Brown is Interim Director for the Urban League of Madison County. Lindsay is also a board member of Madison County Black Chamber of Commerce and the chairman of the Anderson Learning Academy. He resides in Anderson with his wife Janna and son.

Jonathon Cook is an attorney at Sansberry, Dickmann Freeman & Builta. Jonathon is a 2010 graduate of the Leadership Academy of Madison County. He and his wife Kristin reside in Anderson.

Gary Erskine is a life-long resident of Anderson and 33-year employee of Star Bank. He is a board member of the Madison County Chamber of Commerce.

Susie Maier is the Director of Outpatient Services at Aspire Indiana. She is a graduate of the Leadership Academy of Madison County and a part-time professor at Anderson University.

Brett Spanger is a CPA at Ent & Imler, CPA. Brett has served on the United Way Community Impact Committee and Safety Net Vision Council. He resides in Anderson with his family.

2011 United Way officers include Michael Collette, chair; Deborah Rasper, vice-chair; Angela Cassidy, secretary; Kirk Klabunde, treasurer; and Keith Trent, immediate past chair.

Continuing to serve on United Way of Madison County board of directors are Michael Austin, Jim Brown, Ms. Kim Contos, Dana Donahue, Lisa Floyd, David Happe, Jan Kaye, Richard May, Rick Moore, LeRoy Quashie, Marj Shell, Obadiah Smith, Bruce Stansberry, Tom VanOsdol, and Jim Willey.

Two Americorp VISTA members join United Way

Melissa Fenn and Ashley Waterbury, AmeriCorp Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) members, joined United Way of Madison County in June to complete one year of volunteer service. This is United Way's second year as VISTA sponsor.

VISTAs receive a modest living allowance and health care coverage through the Corporation of National and Community Service during their year of service. Upon completion, they receive a choice of an education award or end-of-service stipend. Many VISTAs use the education

award toward graduate studies.

VISTAs are full time volunteers and are prohibited from engaging in outside employment. The work plan submitted by the sponsor must focus on alleviating poverty and must not include direct service or any activities that are support staff functions. Sponsors are required to submit periodic reports of work progress and to regularly certify that the VISTAs remain engaged with the organization.

Melissa Fenn, a 2011 graduate of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, brings a degree in finance and a dedication to community development, public finance issues and welfare programs. She has volunteered for nonprofit organizations and has been specifically involved with nonprofit financial issues. She has also experienced the real needs families can face when her father lost his job during her high school years. "As a teenager I learned how devastating one event can be for a family and as a college student I learned how my strengths could help to improve organizations that aid families experiencing such hardships," she wrote in her application.

Ashley Waterbury is a 2011 gradu-

ate of Anderson University who hails from Michigan.

A Spanish major and nonprofit leadership minor, Ashley has been heavily involved with The Shadeland Project in Anderson and has also volunteered for The Christian Center. A mission trip to Honduras at age 15 influenced Ashley's choice of study and involvement. "I want to spend the rest of my life giving back to my community in whatever way I can," she wrote in her application.

AmeriCorps VISTA is the national service program designed specifically to fight poverty. Founded as Volunteers in Service to America in 1965 and incorporated into the AmeriCorps network of programs in 1993, VISTA has been on the front lines in the fight against poverty in America for more than 40 years. VISTA members commit to serve full-time for a year at a nonprofit organization or local government agency, working to fight illiteracy, improve health services, create businesses, strengthen community groups, and much more. For more information about AmeriCorps VISTA, visit www.americorps.gov.



4th Annual Golf Classic Results

Partnership Raises \$27,000

The 4th Annual United Way/Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic raised approximately \$27,000 to benefit local programs of the Madison County Chamber and United Way of Madison County. The 18-hole event presented by Hoosier Park Racing Casino saw 45 teams vying for cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places during morning and afternoon flights at Anderson's Meadowbrook Golf Course July 8. The 2012 outing is scheduled for Friday, July 13.

The results are as follows:

1st Place (-24) Wal-Mart- C. Langston, M. Gaskins, S. Wuetrich, J. Hubbard

2nd Place (-23) PNC Team- D. Rowe, D. Peck, T. Freeman, J. Brandon

3rd Place (-23) Ricker's - A. Walukonis, Q. Ricker, L. Ramsey, C. Schneider

4th Place (-23) GMACK Graphics- J. Hasty, K. Painter, J. Rench, T. Landers

Putting Contest Winner- Wade Carnigan; **Closest to the Pin #5**- Chris Davis;

Closest to the Pin #8- Chris Davis; **Longest Drive (Female)**- Susan Brooks;

Longest Drive (Male)- Dick Peck; **Straightest Drive**- Ryan Lindeman;

Skin Hole #3- Saint John's Health System; **Skin Hole # 8** – Team Volk;

Skin Hole #13- Unified Group Services; **Skin Hole #17**- PNC



*Top to Bottom-
The winning first place team of WalMart
enjoy a break at the 4th Annual Golf
Classic*

*Golf Carts line up for the start of the
day's festivities*

*Team members from CarDon &
Associates pose for a quick picture
at the Golf Classic*

*Right: Brian Taylor and Wade Carignan
of E&B Paving*



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Leadership & Loyalty Donors Attend United Way Donor Events

The United Way Leadership/Loyalty Donor program recognizes and celebrates individuals who have supported United Way for many years and, in so doing, have had an impact on the lives of many people in their community. The United Way Leadership/ Loyalty Donor Program is designed to identify these dedicated supporters and build incredible relationships with for them.



Recent Events included:
 August 5- Hoosier Park hosted United Way leadership and loyalty donors at the Josh Turner concert. A few lucky donors received meet and greet passes with Josh Turner.



August 15- Colts Camp at Anderson University

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“Stamp Out Hunger” Collects 32,000 Pounds of Food

On May 14, Branch 489 National Association of Letter Carriers took part in the national “Stamp Out Hunger” Day and collected \$32,000 pounds locally, the largest amount collected by any single group in East Central Indiana. In total, 164,416 pounds of food were donated throughout the East Central Indiana area. The food collected was distributed to various agencies throughout Madison County.

Dove Harbor Now Offering Kids’ Activity Program and Graduate Aftercare Program

Dove Harbor’s new Kids’ Activity Program helps children residing at Dove Harbor to participate in activities that they could not normally afford. The goal of the program is to provide creative recreational activities for children that will encourage physical activity. These activities, which take place in and around Madison County, allow for more quality family time outside of Dove Harbor. Funding was provided by a grant from the Youth Leadership Academy of Madison County. The grant was used to purchase bicycle helmets and locks for each child, a Nintendo Wii bundle for Dove Harbor residents, and trips to an Indianapolis Indians game and the Indianapolis Zoo.

Dove Harbor’s Graduate Aftercare Program (GAP) assists recent graduates of Dove Harbor as they begin their transition back into the community to ensure their achievement while sustaining self sufficiency. GAP provides accountability to the graduates for two years through in-home case management, aftercare group meetings, mental health therapy, and housing at a reduced rate. GAP graduates pay a monthly service fee of \$30.00 to Dove Harbor to offset the cost of program and to provide a level of accountability for the graduates. Active members of GAP receive a 25% discount on their monthly rent, made possible by the landlord advisory board, established by Dove Harbor. The overall goal of GAP is to provide accountability and support as graduates reenter the community and to help to ensure their long term stability. GAP is partially funded by United Way of Madison County.



Winning Charity Race team of Hoosier Park’s Jim Brown and Joe Putnam.

Local Heroes Support United Way at Night of Champions Charity Race Raises \$1300

Below: Saint John’s Health System’s David Maxwell with jockey Mike Peterson and “the Spirit of Caring.”



Left: City of Anderson Firefighter Jeff Freeman with jockey Trace Tetrick.



Below: Kim Contos paired with jockey Jason Dillander.



Left: First Merchant’s Bank Kirk Klabunde with jockey Peter Wren.



United Way Hires Volunteer Action Director

Caleb Fiechter joins staff

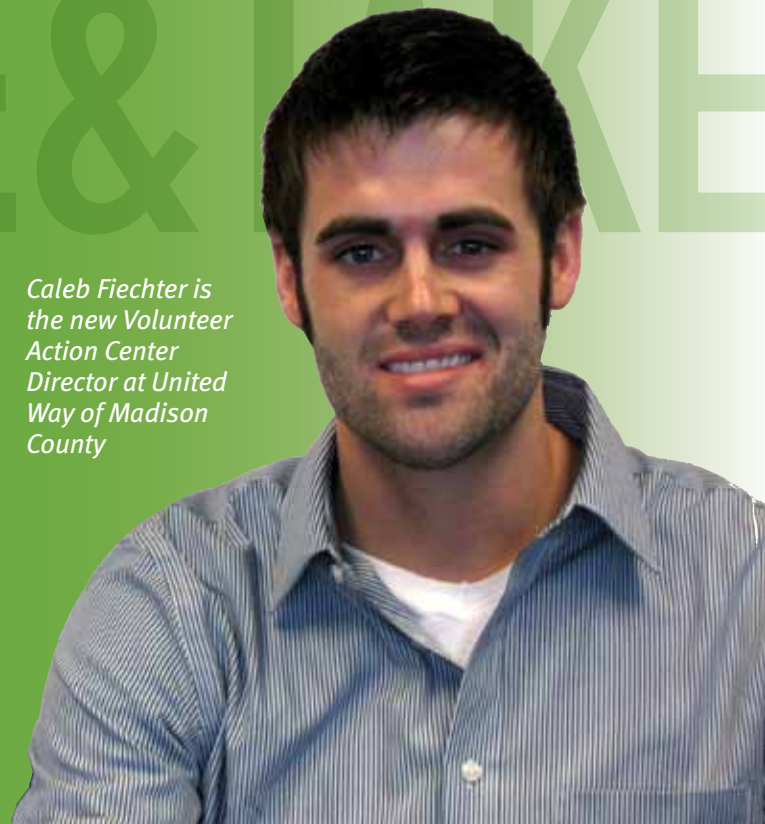
Caleb Fiechter joined the staff of United Way of Madison County as Volunteer Action Center Director in March. The position is funded as part of a three year grant awarded to United Way of Madison County by the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives in March. The grant – Indiana’s Hardest Hit Fund Structured Volunteer Program – will serve Madison and Grant counties. “Caleb’s dedication to community service and building community has been evident throughout his college years and we’re very happy that he has chosen to direct his talents to the betterment of Madison and Grant counties,” said President Nancy Vaughan.

Fiechter is a graduate of Anderson University and a lifelong native of Indiana. He previously worked at Hopewell Center as a Community Living Assistant. Last year, Fiechter traveled to Nicaragua as a Rotary Ambassador Scholar and worked with a rural development organization for six months. Upon returning to Madison County, he was active in Anderson University’s Peace and Conflict Transformation Program.

Fiechter resides in Anderson and volunteers with the Mercy House Church in Anderson. He also supports and attends community meals at the Exodus House, a residential transition home in Anderson. “Caleb already brings many relevant experiences to this project that will benefit the clients and the organizations that are served,” said Vaughan.

About Indiana’s Hardest Hit Fund- The objective of the IHHF is to provide an unemployment bridge program to assist homeowners throughout the state to avoid foreclosure resulting from the loss of income due to lay-

Caleb Fiechter is the new Volunteer Action Center Director at United Way of Madison County



off, reduction in force, or other job loss through no fault or neglect on the employee. The program will offer qualified participants a monthly benefit to cover a portion of their first mortgage and related expenses while the individual seeks new employment. Participants will engage in approved training, education or structured volunteer work.

The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCA) will administer the program and United Way of Madison County will match IHHF participants in Grant and Madison Counties with volunteer opportunities. United Way will receive \$185,000 to operate the program. Homeowners experiencing a financial hardship due to unemployment may submit applications online at www.877gethope.org.

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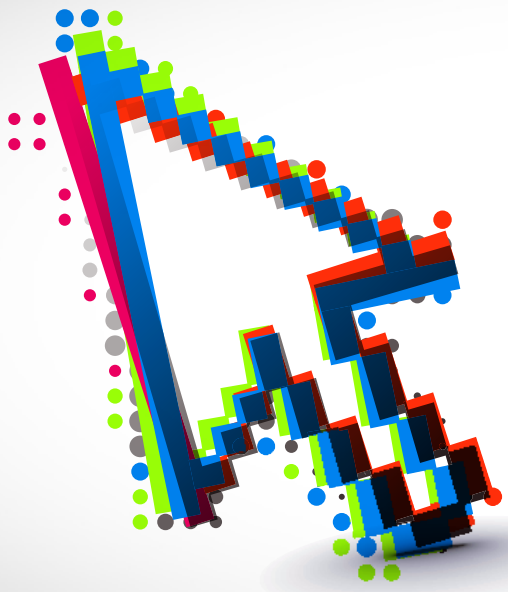
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