

United Way

United Way Raises Campaign Goal And Gives A Big THANKS To The Community

Our United Way has a lot to be proud of, including hitting our campaign goal last year. We surpassed our 2014 goal of \$470,000, thanks to YOU, our loyal donors, advocates, and volunteers. We at United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton are hoping to increase our campaign total by 6 percent, setting a \$500,000 target for our 2015 campaign.

United Way announced our ambitious total at the Heart Club Appreciation and Campaign Kickoff Event, held at the Avera Sacred Heart Campus, Pavilion on Sept. 10.

"We're seeing an increase in funding requests from our local agencies and programs, where there's grant money that doesn't always come through, their funding gets cut, or their needs change or increase," United Way Board of Directors member Marc Bies said while unveiling the target. "Our challenge is to meet a growing need and the only way to do that is to raise the bar to meet that need."

United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton continues to be a leader in addressing unmet needs in our community. As our community continues to grow, the work of 35 programs by our 23 partner agencies remains extremely important.

The success of United Way is reliant on the roles of many. A BIG THANKS to nearly 50 volunteers, the 40+ businesses, more than 430 Heart Club members, the partner agencies, staff, and our Board of Directors. You are proud that Yankton continues to proudly LIVE UNITED.

Last year, we started something new during our United Way Kickoff Week, our BIG THANKS Event. This is where United Way volunteers, wearing LIVE UNITED shirts, stand outside establishments who are loyal supporters of United Way, holding signs, thanking them for their loyal support.

During our Campaign Kickoff and Heart Club Appreciation Event last week, we gave A BIG THANKS ... to a loyal donor ... an advocate ... and a volunteer who continuously go above and beyond to ensure the success of United Way and our partner agencies and programs.

The first BIG THANKS award recipient was awarded to a local company whose culture for giving back to the community is impressive. First Dakota National Bank goes above and beyond each and every year for United Way and



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Volunteer Barb Olson presents a BIG THANKS award to Rob Stephenson who accepted it on behalf of First Dakota National Bank. First Dakota National Bank contributed \$74,000 to the United Way annual campaign earning them a BIG THANKS.



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Scott Kooistra and KYNT helped develop United Way's LAST BLAST final campaign raising over \$18,000 in one day which landed them a BIG THANKS award from United Way.



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Bruce Vlau has been a United Way Board Member, loyal supporter of the United Way mission and a United Way Campaign Advisor for over 10 years. His passion landed him a BIG THANKS award from United Way.

other community programs. Last year alone, First Dakota contributed \$74,000 to United Way's annual campaign, with more than 45 Heart Club Members! We are very grateful for their support and want to acknowledge First Dakota and their employees for their commitment to community.

Our next BIG THANKS award was awarded to a group of advocates whose voices not only promote United Way, but are crucial components to the success of many local programs.

Last year, Scott Kooistra from KYNT Radio helped develop and promote our LAST BLAST final campaign push which raised over \$18,000 in one day. Thanks to Scott, Cynthia Miller, Kurt Dykstra, and Doyle & Carolyn Becker, United Way is ever present in the minds and hearts of

our community members. Through assistance with marketing materials, PSA's, and monthly radio spots ... you can always hear more about the impact your donation to United Way makes in our community on KYNT.

Throughout the Greater Yankton community, individuals, families and groups volunteer countless hours to a multitude of programs and projects. They mentor our youth, organize food drives, advocate for a cause, deliver nutritious food to our neighbors or serve as Board Members for nonprofit organizations. Volunteers give of their time, talents, and passions. They are invaluable!

Our final BIG THANKS award was awarded to a volunteer in the community who gives of his time and talents to many United Way part-

ners. This volunteer has been a United Way Board Member, loyal supporter of our mission and a United Way Campaign Advisor for over 10 years.

As a Campaign Advisor, Bruce Vlau, enters local businesses promoting United Way, our mission, our partners, and our goals. He shares his passion for our work and his passion for our community.

Thank you to all our award recipients, First Dakota National Bank, KYNT Riverfront Broadcasting and Bruce Vlau. Thank you for GIVING ... for ADVOCATING ... for VOLUNTEERING.

Thank you for LIVING UNITED and helping us reach our 2015 goal!

MEETINGS

GET UP & GO 4-H CLUB

The Get Up & Go 4-H Club met on Sept. 7, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. in the Irene Legion Hall. There was an attendance of 10 members and 2 visitors. President Heather Hauger called the meeting to order. The American Flag pledge was led by Katrina Hauger and the 4-H pledge was led by Stephanie Hauger. The roll call topic was, "What is your favorite game (video/apps, or sport)?" For old business, our club talked about how we did at the Achievement Days and at the State Fair. Stephanie Hauger said that her judging team got 1st place at the State Fair, so they get to go to Nationals in Jan. For new business, our club talked about donating money for the new building at the State Fair (Nordby Exhibit Hall). Our club decided to donate \$100 for the new building and our leader Karen Richelieu is going to donate \$1,000 to get our club name on a brick for the Nordby Exhibit Hall. Our club also discussed serving ice cream at the car show in Irene for next year. Cain Healy's demonstration was "Farming." Daniel, Emily, Garrett, and Owen Dangel served lunch. The next meeting will be on Oct. 5, 2014, in the Irene Legion Hall at 1:30 p.m.

LILLEHAMMER LODGE #1-633 SONS OF NORWAY

Lillehammer Lodge #1-633 of the Yankton area met Aug. 23, 2014, at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Yankton.

The meeting was opened by President, Carol Broderson leading the group in the national anthems of the United States and Norway and also the flag Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America. The minutes of the June meeting was read by Secretary Diane Reese and approved. There were no minutes from July as it had been cancelled.

The financial report was not given as Clarice Holm, Treasurer, was absent.

Secretary Diane Reese brought to have the stamps clipped for Tubfrim.

Guests were greeted and welcomed to come again.

The list of birthdays was read. Members are requested to suggest program ideas.

The September meeting will be cancelled and the Lodge will meet again on Oct. 18.

The program of "The Secret Life of Fruit Jars" was given by Holly Straub. She has collected the jars for many years and has researched the differences in the jars and their values. Ms. Straub answered many questions from members.

Marlys List led the members in the Norwegian table prayer leading to the members enjoying a generous pot-luck lunch.

GFWC YANKTON WOMAN'S CLUB

The Yankton Chapter of GFWC Woman's Club met Sept. 6, 2014, at 11 a.m. at Hillcrest Golf and Country Club. President Pauline Aklund called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance, South Dakota Pledge and Collect for Women were given.

Guests: Vi Ranney introduced her guests Judy Vanderhule and Molly Carlson. Joan Neubauer introduced her guest Suzan Rasmussen Gass. Lois Gregoire was a guest of Marlene Larsen, and Shannon Viereck was a guest of Eileen Leshner.

Program: Dr. Michael and Ellen McVay presented an awareness of Alzheimer's Disease as they shared their experiences following

Ellen's diagnosis of early-onset Alzheimer's Disease.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written. Treasurer's report was given.

Correspondence: Secretary Arlene Young read thank you notes from the Yankton County Contact Center and Cramer-Kenyon Heritage Home for donations they had received from GFWC.

Leadership: Dot Blaha read from excerpts contributed by Lee Iacocca discussing leadership.

President Pauline read "Plant in your Garden of Daily Living". This inspirational poem tells what should be planted in your garden of daily living. It asks us to water the garden freely and cultivate with love.

Business: President Pauline announced that new member orientation would be available at 10:15 a.m. before each Saturday meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend. Peggy Schiedel moved that due to increased expenses, a portion of proceeds from fundraising events this year should be retained by the club. Donna DeJean seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sales from Terri Lynn, Inc., a distributor of nuts, dried fruits, and snacks, will begin at the Oct. 4 meeting. Jo Anne Weber announced there would be no members assisting with Bingo in September.

Peggy Schiedel announced the upcoming Retirement Open House honoring Fran Fox, Fox Hospitality, for her 50 years of service to the community. The Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce along with the General Federation Woman's Club will sponsor the Open House Thursday, Sept. 18, from 4-6:30 p.m. at the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce building. Refreshments will be courtesy of GFWC.

President Pauline introduced upcoming activities she will be taking on as the President's Cause. In October there will be speakers at a Red Ribbon Rally in honor of Red Ribbon Week bringing drug awareness to the community. An important outcome of this week of events will be to encourage citizens to be aware of their surroundings. This will be a community-wide event with more information coming at a later date.

Installation of Officer: Mary Pietila was installed as Second Vice President.

Welcome New Members: New members Betty Thomas and Carol Pavlish were presented red roses and welcomed as new members.

Hostesses: Joan Neubauer, Cindy Filipis, and Pauline Aklund. Joanne Weber, Julie Dykstra, Muriel Vangerpen, and Mary Jo Schneider were awarded door prizes provided by the hostesses.

No further business the meeting was adjourned.

INTERCHANGE

Time: 12 noon at Minerva's on Sept. 9th, 2014 with Ann Clough as the presiding officer.

Guest, Julie Amsberry of the Y.A.A. was introduced by Lois Varvel of the Sisters Chamber about the historic presentation of techniques that will be held at R-tec in the Mead Westward Building.

Paula Toche reminded all of the Retirement Open House by From Fay from 4 - 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18th and Gen fed of the Woman's Club is holding the open house.

Hostess was Melea DeJean who held the meeting at Minerva's and the speaker was Sarah Heine from the Home Party Consultant for CH by Carol Anderson by design.

The next meeting is Sept. 22, 2014 at noon at Minerva's with Shannon Viereck from Mount Marty College as hostess. The speaker will be the interim president of Mount Marty College.



SUBMITTED PHOTO
A group of volunteers from the Kids Against Hunger program.

Broadway Group Of Yankton Thanks The Community For Successful Events

BY WD METHENY, LYLIA SONNENFELD, STEVEN PIETILA
The Broadway Group

The Broadway Group of Yankton extends a heartfelt thank you to the nearly 200 volunteers who participated in the Kids Against Hunger pack on July 19, 2014. Kids Against Hunger is an organizational group with a goal to eradicate world hunger. Volunteers throughout the U.S. and Canada package highly nutritious, vitamin-fortified soy-rice meals for KAH. The almost 200 volunteers from Yankton and surrounding areas filled all four time slots and packaged 53,000 meals. These meals will support the

nourishment of 1,200 students at a school in Haiti for three months. A sincere thank you goes out to the many volunteers who gave of their time and skills.

The Broadway Group and Thrivent Financial live by a very simple model. We are joined by our faith and commitment to serve others, we educate our members on how to be wise with their money, thus allowing them to live generously and change lives.

We are humbled by the many willing hands that made the Kids Against Hunger Pack a huge success.

As a sponsor of the Thrivent Charity Pro-Am Golf



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Sheri and Barb are with Special Olympics. Will Eidsness is with Fellowship of Christian Athletes.



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Sheri Duke, WD Metheny and Barb Clayton.

Tournament, the Broadway Group also held a second annual Charity Challenge at Fox Run and a Charity Auction and Dinner at the Elks on Thursday, July 24. The proceeds from both events will support local charities, including Yankton Area Special Olympics, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and the Wounded Warrior Project. We are very pleased to announce that \$20,000 was raised for the charities chosen.

We are again humbled by the charitable success of these events. They are dependent upon the aid of countless volunteers, generous auction donors, and community members who not only attend, but open their wallets to financially support these events. It's a collaborative effort that allowed these to be successful and we are grateful to live in a community that has supported our vision of giving back.

Yankton Co. 4-H Members Will Compete In National Contest

Yankton Co. 4-H members will compete in national Consumer Decision Making contest.

Four Yankton County 4-H members have qualified to compete at a national contest.

Stephanie Hauger, Laurel and Cami Friedenbach, and Leah Waid placed first, as a team, at the South Dakota State Consumer Decision Making contest held at the South Dakota State Fair. They will now advance to the national Consumer Decision Making contest.

The national contest is held in January at the Western National Roundup in Denver in conjunction with the National Western Stock Show. Fellow 4-H and FFA members from across the country will come together to compete in this contest and several others.

"Western National Roundup provides a place for

youth to compete nationally while encouraging teamwork and self-confidence, and while focusing on the 4-H Mission Mandates: science, engineering, technology, mathematics, healthy living and citizenship," according to the event's website.

Stephanie, Laurel, Cami and Leah will spend four days at the Western National Roundup participating in the Consumer Decision Making contest and various educational workshops, which will encourage leadership development through decision-making, teamwork skills, critical thinking and independence.

Stephanie is a member of the Get Up and Go 4-H club in Yankton County and is from Irene. Laurel and Cami are members of the Yankton Clovers 4-H club in Yankton County. The two sisters are from Yankton. Leah is also from Yankton and is also a

member of the Yankton Clovers 4-H club.

The goal of the 4-H Consumer Decision Making Program is to teach youth how to make wise consumer choices.

Each day youth make consumer decisions ranging from deciding which snack to choose to which cell phone plan meets their needs. Making consumer decisions can become confusing. The sheer volume of choices including in-person and online options easily becomes overwhelming.

Fortunately, through experiences where sound decision making skills are taught and practiced youth can increase their ability to apply those skills and prevent poor decision making habits.

A judging experience is used to impart that teaching in the Consumer Decision Making contest. Judging is essentially a matter of comparing items and deciding which

is better and why. The key to successful judging is to assess a given situation and to select the best alternative based on the situation and criteria.

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