

**Your contribution really does make a difference. Thanks to generous donations to the 2010 United Way of Lowndes County fund drive:**

**American Red Cross** assisted **42** families who had single dwelling fires with food, clothing, prescriptions, and other basic necessities.

**The Armed Forces Family Emergency Services Communications** provided **39** cases of assistance to families with loved ones who are deployed or stationed elsewhere.

**Contact Helpline** volunteers responded to **4,679** crisis intervention calls including suicide, job loss, and catastrophic illness. Trained and compassionate listeners also provided information and referrals to local resources.

**Dial-a-Bus** vehicles traveled **30,723** miles to transport elderly and disabled residents to **4,284** medical visits, including chemotherapy and dialysis, **644** trips for nutrition, **77** trips to job sites, and for other purposes necessary for independent living.

**Home Delivered Meals** provided **7,650** nutritious meals to homebound and elderly residents.

**Greater Columbus Learning Center** helped **687** youth and adults achieve academic improvement, prepare for GED and ACT examinations, and increase their opportunities for employment and self-sufficiency.

**Youth Programs** served **3031** children and teens who participated in leadership, community service, health and fitness, disaster preparedness, life skills and academic programs.

**Helping Hands** assisted **99** individuals and families with rent and mortgage, **113** individuals and families with utilities, **33** individuals and families with some type of medical assistance, and **1651** individuals and families received food assistance.

**These are only a few examples of the good works carried out by United Way funded organizations throughout the year, and how your contribution serves others in our community.**

**United Way of Lowndes County serves as a community-building resource and partners with other agencies, civic groups and businesses to develop pilot programs, initiatives and outreach services that respond to unmet or emerging needs in our community.**

**Community Volunteer Center  
Disaster Recovery Assistance  
Day to Care  
Charity Tracker  
Emergency Food and Shelter Block Grant  
Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen  
Wheels to Work  
Keep Columbus/Lowndes Beautiful  
Annual Blood Drive  
Annual Fan Drive  
Annual Blanket Drive  
Stuff the Bus  
Community Grants  
Base Community Council  
Pilot Partners  
Local Emergency Planning Committee  
and more...**

**United Way of Lowndes County is a Better Business Bureau Accredited Charity**



## Why United Way?

**Giving through United Way reduces time-consuming and costly fundraising efforts for our agencies, so their time can be spent helping others.**

**99.9% of each dollar raised in our annual campaign stays in our community to support local non-profit organizations.**

**Less than 1% of each dollar raised goes to our national organization. In return, we benefit from resources that help us conduct successful fundraising campaigns here at home.**

**Agencies funded by United Way of Lowndes County are reviewed each year by local volunteers who are knowledgeable of our community and who have backgrounds in business, finance, education, industry, and more. Agencies undergo a thorough assessment of programs and services as well as fiscal management and accountability. Volunteers ensure your contribution will make an impact on our community's quality of life and serve those in need.**

**Since 2000, United Way of Lowndes County has provided \$150,000 to support local disaster relief efforts serving individuals and families affected by severe weather.**

**United Way of Lowndes County will never sell, trade, share or rent your personal information to our partners, member agencies or any third parties without your prior consent.**



**of Lowndes County**



**Supporting the work of local non-profit organizations and working to improve our community since 1954.**

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# YOUR CONTRIBUTION IS AT WORK YEAR AROUND



## Helping Youth and Children Succeed

**Boy Scouts (Pushmataha Council) 328-7228**  
Scouting activities teach leadership, citizenship, character development, physical and mental fitness and coed career achievement.

**Boys and Girls Club 244-7090**  
Programs help children of all backgrounds develop the moral and ethical qualities needed to become responsible citizens and leaders. After-school education programs enhance classroom achievement.

**CAFB Youth Center 434-2504**  
Recreation and education activities provide a stimulating environment for boys and girls ages 5-18 years to learn, solve challenges, and have fun.

**4-H Clubs of Lowndes County 328-2111**  
Youth 5-18 acquire practical life, education and leadership skills through local clubs, special interest projects, and community-outreach services.

**Girl Scouts Heart of the South 328-1930**  
Programs provide opportunities for girls ages 5-17 to develop their highest potential, achieve goals and values, practice moral decision making, and perform community service to help others.

## Providing Crisis Intervention and Disaster Relief

**American Red Cross 328-5710**  
Provides disaster relief and single family fire assistance, services to military families and veterans, CPR, first aid and water safety training, and HIV and AIDS education.

**CONTACT Helpline 328-0200**  
Christian-based Suicide Hotline and crisis intervention center provides caring listeners, information and referral. 24-Hour First Call for Help. 1-800-377-1643

**Community Resource Connection 244-3521**  
Connects families and individuals in need to resources and provides emergency homeless services.

**Helping Hands 328-8301**  
Provides mortgage, rent, prescription medication, utility and food assistance based on emergency needs due to catastrophic illness, job loss or other confirmed crisis. Cooperates with disaster relief organizations to serve our community.

**The Salvation Army 327-5137**  
Provides emergency shelter, transportation, utility, and prescription assistance, food, clothing, youth programs, rehabilitative assistance, and disaster services.



## Supporting Health and Quality of Life Programs

**CONTACT Helpline 328-0200**  
Volunteers provide daily reassurance calls to elderly and disabled residents who live alone to ensure their health and well-being and support their independence.

**Dial-a-Bus 327-6999**  
Provides transportation for elderly and handicapped residents to physician's clinics, pharmacies, grocery stores and other necessary locations to assist them with maintaining their independence.

**Home Delivered Meals 327-6999**  
Caring volunteers provide daily nutritious meals and social interaction for older adults who are unable to prepare meals for themselves.

**YMCA (Frank P. Philips Memorial) 328-7696**  
The YMCA mission is to put Christian principles into practice through health and wellness programs, scholarships, and outreach services that include support for families who have a member who is incarcerated, Parkinson's Disease patients, and more.

## Creating Lasting Change in People's Lives and Building a Stronger, More Vital Community

**Greater Columbus Learning Center 329-7691**  
Specialized programs increase basic education skills, literacy and employability of youth and adults; provide test preparation for GED, ACT, ASVAB, and AFOQT; and instruct the learning disabled.

**Recovery House 329-4333**  
Provides long term residential substance addiction treatment for women, including emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent housing for those served by the program.

**RSVP (Retired & Senior Volunteer Program) 328-2174**  
Links volunteers age 55 and older with opportunities to share their experience and abilities, including tutoring school children, addressing crime prevention, creating quilts for fire and disaster victims, and clerical work for public, non-profit agencies.

**Community Volunteer Center (CVC) 327-0807**  
A service of United Way of Lowndes County that connects volunteers who want to share their time, skills, and resources to meet the needs of our community and enhance services available at local charitable organizations.

