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Put Your Hands Together

When we reach out a hand to one, we influence the condition of all. Despite difficult economic times, United Way of the Midlands' 2008-09 Fundraising Campaign has maintained the momentum built by last year's record-breaking \$11.7 million effort. Led by Campaign Co-Chairs Steve Morrison and Mary Kennemur, hundreds of volunteers, donors, and staff members have all had a hand in this campaign.

"The issues we face today in the Midlands are complex, and they are multidimensional," said Morrison. "It takes all of us working together to make a difference. There's no single cause to any issue, or any one solution—there are no quick fixes."

But in spite of those challenges, more and more people are joining together, LIVING UNITED, to meet them head on and solve them. Currently, the campaign has raised about \$9.15 million, or 75% of the \$12.2 million goal, and that means there's still plenty of time for you to get involved.

"We are united, and we must be united to accomplish this goal," said Kennemur. "We've seen so many new campaigns and new donors – from individuals to schools to small businesses. The support has been overwhelming."

Together we can accomplish outcomes that no government, no organization, no company and no individual can accomplish on its own. If you'd like to start a workplace campaign, call Mike Gray at 803.733.5422. If you'd like to pledge as an individual, go to uway.org and click Give or fill out the pledge card on the back of this newsletter and mail it to United Way of the Midlands.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment and shared passion to take action, inspire hope and create opportunities for a better tomorrow.



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Working to End Hunger for Midlands School Children

by Darren Price, USC Journalism student

One out of every five children in South Carolina lives in poverty, and many don't know where or how they will get dinner after the school day ends.

But for some 280 children in the Midlands, dinner is guaranteed two to five nights a week thanks to Harvest Hope Food Bank's Kid's Café Program.

United Way of the Midlands implemented a \$50,000 grant to Harvest Hope to help fund the Kid's Café program last July. Depending upon the continued success and ability to meet the set goals, the grant will be renewed for the next three years. The funds will be used to expand the program to another eight to 12 sites in Richland, Lexington, Fairfield and Newberry counties.

"It's been a successful program for many years," said United Way Food, Shelter, Safety and Transportation Council Director Jennifer Moore. "We wanted to help them expand it."

The program, which has been active since September 2003, has 14 sites in churches, daycares and community service centers throughout the food bank's 20-county service area. Kid's Café serves some 700 children statewide and provides healthy dinners and snacks. Last year alone, Kid's Cafés across the state distributed more than 66,400 meals.

"Each center prepares hot meals for the children," said Henry Counts, Kids Café director. "Some sites do snacks, too, but we always try to have hot meals."

In addition to dinner, the children receive after-school supervision and help with homework from the site's volunteers. The sites also provide nutrition lessons.

Harvest Hope helps fight child hunger on the weekends with the Backpack program. Children's backpacks are packed with food for them and their families on the last day of each school week. In South Carolina, Kid's Cafés and the Backpack program packed more than 4,000 backpacks full of food last year.

"Each kid gets between eight and 12 pounds of food," said Counts. "That's enough for them to have several snacks over the weekend and one meal for the entire family."

Harvest Hope's Kid's Café and Backpack program is part of Feeding America, a nationwide network of food banks and hunger relief programs. Kid's Café is the most expansive program of its kind in the country. Launched in 1993, the program has grown to include more than 12,000 sites nationwide.

In order to be considered for Kid's Café, children must attend an after-school program that serves a school where at least 50 percent of the students receive free or reduced lunch. They must also be able to prove that they are in need of food assistance.

Once admitted, each child is provided free after-school supervision and dinner. Each of the sites under Harvest Hope's supervision is staffed by volunteers and is certified by the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) to prepare and serve meals.

The food used in the centers is provided by donations and grants. Each week, workers for the site visit Harvest Harvest Hope Food Banks, picking food for the children to eat.

People interested in helping out at can volunteer at one of the Kid's Café centers or donate food to one of the three Harvest Hope Food Banks. For more information, contact Harvest Hope at 803-254-4432, ext. 116.



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Community Investment is a phrase that sums up what United Way is all about. When you give through United Way, your investment helps create opportunities for a better life for all. When you contribute at least \$180 to the Community Impact Fund, you will receive a Community Investment card to use for discounts and special offers at participating businesses. It's our way of saying thanks for LIVING UNITED.

Community Investment cards will be distributed in early 2009 and are valid Feb. 1, 2009, through Jan. 31, 2010.

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Registration ends January 31!

Blueprint for Leadership is United Way of the Midlands' comprehensive community leadership and board development program. Participants in this program can expect a challenging curriculum that prepares them to assume volunteer leadership roles within the nonprofit sector and achieve their highest potential as stewards of the community. Since its inception in 1989, Blueprint for Leadership graduates have served in leading community roles and on nonprofit boards throughout the Midlands.

The Blueprint for Leadership program utilizes a combination of classes and practical experiences to help participants develop leadership skills, increase knowledge of the community and acquire the skills necessary to be successful community leaders. Classes are held twice a month beginning in February and ending in June.

Class topics include:

Board Membership in Perspective - United Way 101
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Board Members and Governance
Social Service Delivery: Developing Outcome-Based Programs
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Corporate sponsorship is \$500, public sector (government) and nonprofit sponsorship is \$250 per participant. Selected participants will be required to submit the tuition by the first class session.

Applications may be found at www.uway.org and are due to United Way of the Midlands by January 31, 2009.

Please share this information and consider sponsoring an emerging leader in your company. We appreciate your cooperation and support of the 2009 Blueprint for Leadership program. To learn more about Blueprint for Leadership, please contact Malik Whitaker at 803.733.5423 or mwhitaker@uway.org

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Members of the Palmetto Society have the distinct opportunity to do what few others can do — impact the lives of thousands with one gift. The Palmetto Society was established in 1984 and currently consists of more than 1,300 individuals who annually contribute \$1,000 or more. This extraordinary group of individuals is a shining example of leadership, commitment and humanity.

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Levels of Giving Tocqueville Society

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\$10,000 - \$24,999

Ordre de Liberté
\$25,000 - \$49,999

Ordre d'Égalité
\$50,000 - \$74,999

Ordre de Fraternité
\$75,000 - \$99,999

La Société Nationale
\$100,000 - \$249,999

Ordre d'Indépendance
\$250,000 - \$499,999

Ordre de Connaissance
\$500,000 - \$749,000

Ordre De Prospérité
\$750,000 - \$999,999

La Table Ronde des Millions de Dollars
\$1,000,000 +

Both nationally and locally, Tocqueville Society members are a special group of influential individuals who partner with United Way to make their communities stronger and healthier. Through their compassion and philanthropy, these individuals demonstrate exceptional generosity and leadership by motivating others to emulate them in their giving and provide the impetus for real change.

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Martha Scott Smith named 25th Humanitarian of the Year Palmetto Society will recognize Smith on Feb. 26, 2009

At the 25th Anniversary of the United Way of the Midlands Humanitarian of the Year award, the Palmetto Society will recognize Martha Scott Smith for her outstanding servant leadership to the Midlands community. The black tie event will be held on Thursday, Feb. 26 at 6:30 pm at Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, and all are invited. Registration information will be available at uway.org beginning in January.

The Humanitarian of the Year Award honors those who demonstrate extraordinary leadership in philanthropy and human services and who exert a major impact on changing and improving conditions for Midlands residents.

"Martha has been at the forefront of advancing the common good in the Midlands for many years," said Mac Bennett, President & CEO of United Way of the Midlands. "Her record of selfless service has been an example to us all."



Smith is a founding member of Women in Philanthropy, president of the Columbia Urban League Guild, and a member of the SC State University Board of Trustees. She has served as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the American Red Cross, Midlands Technical College Foundation, the SC State Museum, and SC Voices for Children.

As a volunteer, she developed the operational manual for the Columbia Urban League's Summer Work Experience Program, which has provided work experience for more than 10,000 youth. As chair of the College Summit committee, she helped raise more than \$400,000 to assist low income students with college access.



The Young Leader Society (YLS) consists of emerging leaders, ages 21-45, who are looking for more than professional development—they're looking for personal development.

YLS is designed to identify the next generation of community leaders, to introduce them to influential philanthropists in the Midlands area and to prepare them for their role in serving our community.

The only requirement for membership in YLS is a personal contribution through United Way of the Midlands. Your contribution can be made through the step-up program established to provide a broader group of donors with the opportunity to participate. The step-up program allows donors to contribute a minimum of \$250 their first year and agree to step-up to \$1,000 by the fourth year of membership.

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Women in Philanthropy (WIP) was founded in 2002 by 16 businesswomen and community activists in the Columbia area. A partnership of United Way of the Midlands and the Central Carolina Community Foundation, Women in Philanthropy was the first major women's philanthropic leadership initiative organized to serve the Midlands.

With a mission to transform the South Carolina Midlands community through active and collective philanthropic investment, Women in Philanthropy seeks to create positive, measurable, long-term change in the lives of women and children by focusing on root causes and pooling resources to increase impact. You may become a member by designating \$250 of your contribution through United Way of the Midlands to WIP.

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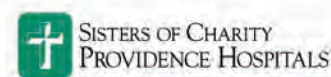
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Giving Nonprofits the Tools to Succeed

by: Kevin Walker, USC Journalism student

Community organizations in the Columbia area are finding themselves better equipped to serve homeless and at-risk youth through an ongoing United Way initiative. The Partners in Compassion Institute (PIC) is a collaborative effort of United Way of the Midlands, Central Carolina Community Foundation, Claflin University, South Carolina Association of Nonprofit Organizations, the Edisto Council and Women in Philanthropy. PIC is working to develop stronger leadership within organizations serving at-risk youth and homeless individuals such as Columbia Bethlehem Community Center and the Trinity Housing Corporation.

"What we do is work with 20 new organizations a year to really develop and strengthen their organizational capacity to serve more people more effectively," Bunnie Lempesis, Director Community Capacity Building said. "Folks who come and do social service work are very passionate about the work they do. But often, they need additional assistance in building their organizational infrastructure to move forward."

PIC institute is funded through a three-year grant of \$500,000 per year from the Office of Community Services in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Groups selected to receive this funding are then paired with a coach from PIC to focus on five primary goals for each organization: leadership development, organizational development, program development, revenue development and community engagement.

"A lot of our folks are really struggling with how to get the word out about their programs so that they can increase their attendance and their service population," Lempesis said. "That can range from anything from having more of a web presence, developing marketing materials and how to do a community assessment to determine the needs in the community."

The Midlands Community Development Corporation (MCDC), which helps local homeless residents find stable housing, has seen its capacity to serve the homeless significantly increase through its involvement with the PIC Institute.

"We are a pretty well established organization, and we're at a phase where we're ready to take some of our programs and services to the next level," said Rania Jamison, Director of Marketing and Development for MCDC. "We've had the desire but not the resources to do that. The PIC Institute has given us the opportunity to infuse those dollars into the areas that will help us take our organization to the next level. It's been phenomenal with the things that we've been able to do."

Jamison said that along with PIC Institute funding to better programs like the Total Recovery Network, which helps steer the homeless and substance-abusers to the right path - the PIC Institute also provides invaluable leadership training.

"One of the things that made this program very productive for us is the fact that they do provide the ongoing training," Jamison said. "And the coaches they provide have been instrumental in our ability to grow our organization."

"Because the Partners in Compassion Institute is a federally funded enterprise, there are strict guidelines as to how the grant money is allocated to each organization. These include providing reports on the progress of organizations receiving PIC Institute funding as well as the progress of PIC Institute itself," Lempesis said. "We have a very comprehensive and well-defined reporting process (with the federal government). We have to send them quarterly financial statements about the money that we're disbursing, and we also have to send them semi-annual progress reports."

As part of the federal grant, a third-party evaluator follows up with each agency to see how it is progressing, ensuring that each organization is benefitting from the PIC Institute's support. So far, Lempesis believes that they have made a concrete impact on their member organizations.

Jamison agrees, "I would say they definitely have moved us along significantly. We are extremely appreciative of the opportunities PIC Institute has given us to better serve our contingency. It's been a blessing."

Organizations interested in applying for the 2009 grants should contact Bunnie Lempesis at 803-758-6982.



Dr. Gary Morse, Executive Director of Community Alternatives (St. Louis, MO), conducts a training session for PIC partners on Oct. 31, 2008 at St. Andrews Baptist Church.

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Each year, the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce recognizes a person and a business who are exceptionally dedicated to providing quality service through their work in and around Calhoun County.

On Thursday, November 13, 2008 at the Chamber's annual recognition banquet, Kristen Setzler Simensen was recognized as the 2008 Business Person of the Year Award winner. Simensen is the director for the Calhoun County Library and is also a United Way of the Midlands Edisto Council Steward.

At the banquet, Jane Dyches noted a few of Simensen's major accomplishments since accepting the role of Library Director in 2006. Simensen has successfully streamlined the library's budget, saving every penny possible for the upcoming construction project, now totaling somewhere in the neighborhood of \$450,000. She has established an endowment fund for the library to support ongoing library initiatives. Additionally, she has initiated a teen advisory board for the library that not only provides the youth something to be involved in, but also enhances how the library approaches providing the much-needed educational support the next leaders of our community need. Lastly, Dyches noted that thanks to Simensen's hard work, she has expanded a summer youth reading program that has grown in popularity every year, now serving more than 425 of the county's youngest residents.

Simensen also finds time to serve on the First Steps Board, is a member of the Rotary Club of St. Matthews, where she works on the Just Say No Program for drug prevention outreach programs in Calhoun County local schools and is also a member of the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce.

Evaluation Results

In 1997, United Way of the Midlands' Board of Directors made a commitment to measure program outcomes for all funded programs. The chart below lists United Way certified partner agency program outcomes as determined by United Way evaluation volunteers. Program reports are required from all agencies whose programs receive community impact dollars. Programs that receive only donor designations are not required to report and are not included in the following.

Exceeds Expectations

American Red Cross Central Chapter – Emergency Assistance
 Babcock Center, Inc. – Phoenix
 Babcock Center, Inc. – Three Fountains
 Boys and Girls Clubs of the Midlands – Youth Development
 Family Service Center of SC – Dental Clinic
 Harvest Hope Food Bank – Food Banks
 MIRCI – Home Base
 MIRCI – HomeBase Expansion
 Prevent Child Abuse South Carolina/Nurturing Center/
 Parenting Partners – Parent Aide Program
 Senior Resources – Information and Referral
 Sistercare – Emergency Shelter
 Volunteers of America of the Carolinas – Reaching for
 the Stars
 Alston Wilkes Society Community Services

Meets Expectations

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Columbia, Inc.
 – Mentorship
 Fairfield County Behavioral Health Services – FACT
 Fairfield County Board of Disabilities & Special Needs –
 Diversified Services/Employment
 Family Shelter – Emergency Shelter
 Family Shelter – PATH Program
 Greater Columbia Literacy Council – Adult Literacy
 MIRCI – Social Rehab
 Prevent Child Abuse South Carolina/Nurturing Center –
 Midlands Effective Parenting Program
 Richland Care - Palmetto Health Alliance – Youth Obesity
 Program

Needs Improvement

Community Mediation Center – Truancy Mediation
 Cooperative Ministry – Emergency Auto Repair Program
 Fairfield Behavioral Health Services – Youth Obesity Program
 Family Service Center of SC – Travelers' Aid
 LRADAC – Mental Health Substance Abuse Service
 Enhancement
 Newberry County Literacy Council – Adult Literacy and
 English Second Language
 The Salvation Army – Emergency Services
 Sistercare – Lexington County Violence Reduction Program

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Statement of Financial Position as of June 30, 2008

ASSETS	2008	2007
Current Assets:		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 520,786	\$ 662,452
Reserve Fund Investments	1,802,469	—
Other Investments	18,289	868,850
Pledges Receivable (Net of Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts of Approximately \$1,000,000 for June 30, 2008 and \$730,000 for June 30, 2007)	4,973,642	4,424,080
Grants Receivable	1,053,816	512,945
Designations Processing Income Receivable	160,159	186,888
Other Receivables	4,646	9,353
Prepaid Expenses	112,253	147,468
Total Current Assets	8,646,060	6,812,036
Non-Current Assets:		
Property and Equipment, Net	1,282,984	1,317,890
Endowed Fund at Central Carolina Community Foundation	101,885	109,542
Funds Held for Others at Central Carolina Community Foundation	88,059	4,759
Total Non-Current Assets	1,472,928	1,522,191
Total Assets	\$ 10,118,988	\$ 8,334,227
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities:		
Designations Payable	\$ 2,535,344	\$ 2,319,742
CORE Service and RFP Funding Payable	1,857,907	1,525,277
Accounts Payable	196,474	225,696
Grants Payable	916,876	300,651
Special Funds Held for Agencies	234,015	203,928
Compensation Related Benefits Payable	100,202	70,535
Refundable Deposits	6,717	—
Total Current Liabilities	5,847,535	4,645,829
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted	3,897,143	3,316,804
Temporarily Restricted	374,310	371,594
Total Net Assets	4,271,453	3,688,398
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 10,118,988	\$ 8,334,227

UNITED WAY OF THE MIDLANDS

Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets for the 12-Month Period Ended June 30, 2008

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT			
Gross Campaign Results Prior Year	\$ 52,280	\$ —	\$ 52,280
Less Donor Designations	133,335	—	133,335
Designation Processing Income	5,525	—	5,525
Less Provision for Uncollectible Pledges	23,400	—	23,400
Net Campaign Revenue Prior Year	214,540	—	214,540
Gross Campaign Results 2007	—	11,603,459	11,603,459
Less Donor Designations	—	(3,765,458)	(3,765,458)
Designation Processing Income	—	220,524	220,524
Less Provision for Uncollectible Pledges	—	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)
Net Campaign Revenue 2007	—	7,058,525	7,058,525
Gross Campaign Results 2008	—	136,428	136,428
Grants	—	2,559,571	2,559,571
Contracts	55,529	—	55,529
Sponsorship	207,362	—	207,362
Investment Income	58,590	—	58,590
Unrealized Gains/(Losses)	(35,019)	—	(35,019)
Building Rent Income	105,200	—	105,200
Fiscal Agency Income	28,659	—	28,659
Miscellaneous Income	55,638	—	55,638
Gifts in Kind	75,384	—	75,384
Campaign Income Released from Restriction	7,058,525	(7,058,525)	—
Grant Assets Released from Restrictions	2,693,283	(2,693,283)	—
Total Revenues and Other Support	10,517,691	2,716	10,520,407
EXPENSES			
Program Services:			
Gross Funds Awarded	7,587,952	—	7,587,952
Less Donor Designations	(3,632,123)	—	(3,632,123)
Net Funds Awarded	3,955,829	—	3,955,829
Grants	2,690,503	—	2,690,503
Other Program Services	1,456,876	—	1,456,876
Total Program Services	8,103,208	—	8,103,208
Supporting Services	1,704,859	—	1,704,859
United Way of America Dues	129,285	—	129,285
Total Expenses	9,937,352	—	9,937,352
Change in Net Assets	580,339	2,716	583,055
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	3,316,804	371,594	3,688,398
Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 3,897,143	\$ 374,310	\$ 4,271,453

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Certified Partner Agencies	Community Impact Dollars	Donor Designations	Total
Alston Wilkes Society	\$72,050	\$3,005	\$75,055
American Cancer Society		98,995	98,995
Alston Wilkes Society	72,050	3,005	75,055
American Cancer Society		98,857	98,857
American Heart Assoc - Mid-Atlantic Division		43,963	43,963
American Red Cross of Central South Carolina	246,907	51,232	298,139
Babcock Center, Inc.	62,436	24,342	86,778
Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Greater Columbia	81,560	24,819	106,379
Boy Scouts - Indian Waters Council	122,228	82,307	204,535
Boy Scouts - Blue Ridge Council		8,277	8,277
Boys & Girls Club of the Midlands	242,516	22,747	265,263
Brookland Foundation Inc.		5,142	5,142
Calhoun County First Steps	3,000	201	3,201
Capital Senior Center		5,752	5,752
CASA Family Systems		629	629
City Year Columbia		6,279	6,279
Columbia Urban League		22,898	22,898
Communities In Schools of the Midlands	5,000	6,228	11,228
Community Mediation Center	54,266	879	55,145
Dickerson Center for Children		20,131	20,131
Easter Seals of South Carolina		5,250	5,250
Eau Claire Cooperative Health Centers, Inc.	15,000	11,831	26,831
Edisto Habitat for Humanity	7,000		7,000
Epilepsy Foundation of SC		8,666	8,666
Fairfield County Behavioral Health Services	6,792	3,671	10,462
Family Connection of SC, Inc.		123	123
Family Service Center	276,600	18,628	295,227
Family Shelter	99,759	21,313	121,072
Fairfield County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs	12,495	6,657	19,152
Federation Center of the Blind	6,747	6,856	13,603
Florence Crittenton Programs of South Carolina		1,311	1,311
Florence Crittenton Services	15,000	356	15,356
Fort Jackson Child & Youth Services		3,731	3,731
Free Medical Clinic	50,000	40,901	90,901
Girl Scouts of Eastern South Carolina	5,500	229	5,729
Girl Scouts of South Carolina - Mountains to Midlands	7,500	23,642	31,142
Goodwill Industries, Inc.		2,572	2,572
Greater Edisto Red Cross	16,000	3,142	19,142
Greater Santee Literacy Council	550	69	619
Growing Home Southeast, Inc.	52,500	1,634	54,134
Harvest Hope Food Bank	62,417	122,101	184,518
Helping Hands, Inc.		4,079	4,079
Home Works of America, Inc.		16,530	16,530
James R. Clark Sickle Cell Foundation		27,566	27,566
LRADAC	58,695	9,442	68,137
Lutheran Family Services		18,921	18,921
Mental Illness Recovery Center, Inc.	243,146	13,781	256,927
Newberry County Council on Aging	50,000	6,264	56,264
Newberry County Family YMCA		2,172	2,172
Newberry County Literacy Council	10,645	1,244	11,889

Certified Partner Agencies	Community Impact Dollars	Donor Designations	Total
Orangeburg Area Resource Foundation	\$3,700	\$1,049	\$4,749
Orangeburg Boys & Girls Clubs	6,600	2,004	8,604
Orangeburg County Adult Literacy Council	2,400	768	3,168
Orangeburg County Council on Aging	10,000	1,621	11,621
Orangeburg Salvation Army	17,600		17,600
Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services		10,196	10,196
Palmetto Center for Women	99,590	49,479	149,069
Palmetto Citizens Against Sexual Assault		2,212	2,212
Parenting Partners	57,591	1,577	59,168
Prevent Child Abuse SC		28,439	28,439
Project Life Positeen	5,000	2,358	7,358
Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities, Inc.		5,347	5,347
Respite House, Inc.		1,762	1,762
Richland Care – Palmetto Health		7,247	7,247
Ruth S. Pugh Foundation		588	588
Salvation Army	190,150	52,699	242,849
Samaritan House of Orangeburg	5,425		5,425
Senior Resources	88,227	11,089	99,316
Sexual Trauma Services	26,199	22,240	48,439
Sistercare	118,915	157,796	276,711
South Carolina Autism Society		13,566	13,566
Sunlight Club	3,000	855	3,855
The Cooperative Ministry	128,375	42,366	170,741
The Nurturing Center	149,823	10,389	160,212
Trinity Housing Corporation		5,069	5,069
United Way 2-1-1	324,175		324,175
Vital Connections of the Midlands	188,479	50,000	238,479
Volunteers of America of the Carolinas	170,680	3,581	174,261
Wateree Community Actions Inc.		1,485	1,485
We Care Center		2,425	2,425
Work in Progress, Inc		2,621	2,621
Total	\$3,482,237	\$ 1,301,197	\$4,783,434
Other Funding Activity			
Other Agencies		512,301	512,301
Direct Pay Designations		118,112	118,112
Other United Ways		110,248	110,248
Total		\$740,661	\$740,661
Combined Federal Campaign (1)			
United Way of the Midlands and Federation and PCFO Reimbursement		278,965	278,965
Other Agencies		1,199,456	1,199,456
Total		\$1,478,421	\$1,478,421
Workforce Investment Act/Family Service Center	2,244,921		2,244,921
Grand Total Distributions	\$5,727,158	\$3,520,279	\$9,247,437

(1) Includes cash distributions made from the 2006, and 2007 CFC campaigns



Need Help? Call 2-1-1.

by Janay Strudwick, USC Journalism student

The first call came into United Way's 2-1-1 information and resource referral line in 1997 in Atlanta, Ga., and since that first ring, millions of calls have been answered.

"I think that 2-1-1 is a critical basic needs resource," said Karen Oliver, Senior Director of Community Resources for United Way of the Midlands. "This is a place where folks can get information about important needs like rent, utility, employment and mortgage assistance."

Launched in 2000 in the Columbia area, 2-1-1 offers an easy-to-remember telephone number that connects people with important community services and volunteer opportunities, including access to more than 11,000 human service programs.

United Way of the Midlands currently provides the 2-1-1 services for South Carolina in Calhoun, Fairfield, Lexington, Newberry, Orangeburg and Richland counties.

"By dialing 2-1-1 people save an average of seven calls," said Oliver. "Rather than using the Yellow Pages and randomly calling people, 2-1-1 can provide specific contact information when needed," Oliver said.

The service offers specific information for those seeking support or help with training, employment, utility and rent assistance, emergency services, crisis prevention, food pantries, help for an aging parent, addiction and prevention programs, affordable housing options, support groups, ways of helping in their community and more.

"Most of the calls we receive are from people looking for basic needs like rent and utility assistance, and food and shelter," said Elizabeth Morgan, 2-1-1 Call Center Intern and Human Services Student at Midlands Technical College.

Morgan said the Columbia center received 2,659 calls in September and averages between 129 and 180 calls per a day.

"We have been seeing an increasing number of calls this year, almost 25,000, which is enormous growth," she said.

Morgan said that being on the receiving end of a 2-1-1 call can become very emotional.

"When people call, they are crying and upset and just want to get their troubles off their shoulders," Morgan said. "2-1-1 operators are human beings who have been trained to talk to people who are dealing with stressful or crisis situations. No phone book is going to do that for you. At the end of the call they thank you, and all you really did was listen."

Oliver, who has overseen the Midlands 2-1-1 for more than two years, has witnessed just how effective and beneficial having live support and detailed information about services can be.

"People who need utility assistance might not know they need to bring three to six months worth of pay stubs to apply for assistance," said Oliver. "2-1-1 operators can tell you what you need so you won't find yourself ill-prepared. During training we learn about active listening, crisis intervention, suicide awareness, and relationships; all these things are involved in the type of work we do," Morgan said.

Calls are confidential and operators are available 24 hours a day and seven days a week, so when agencies open during normal business hours are unavailable, 2-1-1 is there to provide needed information.

In addition to simply dialing 2-1-1, the service can be accessed through most phone services or by dialing (803) 790-4357. If not available in a local service area, it can be reached toll free at (866) 892-9211.



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Community Assembly Tuesday, December 9

Brookland Conference Center
 1066 Sunset Boulevard
 West Columbia, SC 29163



Bob Wise, President Alliance for Excellent Education

Check-in & Buffet Breakfast 7:45 a.m.

Program 8-9:30 a.m.

- United Way of the Midlands 2008 Report to the Community
- Student Message – *Refuse to Lose*
 Anidra Graham, Student, Manning High School, Jobs for America's Graduates – South Carolina

• Keynote Address

From No Child Left Behind to Every Child a Graduate

Bob Wise, President, Alliance for Excellent Education

The good news is that we know a great deal about how to educate low-performing adolescents to high standards, and many high schools across the country are doing so. Unfortunately, there are too few of these successful schools nationwide. This shortage is exacerbated by a general lack of attention to the problems in our high schools by the public and policymakers-particularly at the federal level. Governor Wise will present The Alliance for Excellent Education recommendations for how the renewal of the No Child Left Behind Act(NCLB) could address the crisis in the nation's high schools head-on.

Panel: 9:45-11 a.m.

Education—South Carolina's Pathway to Change

Moderator:

Robbie Barnett, Associate Vice President, Workforce Development and Education Policy, South Carolina Chamber of Commerce
Panelist:

- **Dr. Samantha J. Ingram**, Superintendent, Fairfield County School District
- **Jim Reynolds**, President, Total Comfort Service Center
- **Val Richardson**, Workforce Development Manager, Palmetto Health