

Always Giving. Always Advocating. Always Volunteering.



60 Years of Smiles... and Counting

As of September 2019, the children's dental clinic, now a part of WellPartners, is celebrating 60 years of providing free dental care for children. At the core of this program are dedicated volunteers like Dr. Lynn Campbell.

Dr. Campbell has been a volunteer dentist for 58 years and was helping before WellPartners was even called WellPartners!

Since his early years as a volunteer, he has seen that children, usually five or six years old, were losing permanent molars and had rotting teeth simply because they did not

have access to consistent, long-term care.

Dr. Campbell said, "That's when you get into trouble, and kids lose the teeth they were supposed to keep the rest of their life."

The care that has been provided through the adult and children's dental clinics would be unavailable without dedicated volunteers like Dr. Campbell. Since 1959, 145 volunteer dentists and registered hygienists, 6 dental residents and 36 Midlands Technical College hygiene and dental assisting

students have provided free services through these clinics.

Dr. Campbell still volunteers today even though he is retired from the private sector of dentistry. He began volunteering in 1965 and believes that "if you've got the ability to give back, then do it."

Thanks to volunteers like Dr. Campbell and donors like you, last year 2,970 adults and children visited the dental and eye clinics at WellPartners, totaling almost 6,500 visits.

Learn more at wellpartners.org.

OCTOBER EVENTS



You'll learn ways to use your time and talents to be active and engaged in the community. Hear from partners needing volunteers for short-term, ongoing or specialized skills. You may be interested in filling out tax returns, helping the homeless find shelter, teaching children to read or driving seniors or veterans to doctors' appointments. Plus, choose your Home Instead Senior Care Be a Santa for a Senior or volunteer to wrap gifts.

Register online at alwalwaysunited.org or email alwalwaysunited@uway.org. Lunch is free but reservations are required. Questions? Call Claudia Brooks at 733-5112.



UNITED FOR THE FUTURE

A Concert & Conversation
with Peter Buffett

10.22.19

Please join United Way of the Midlands at the Columbia Museum of Art for **United for the Future: A Concert & Conversation with Peter Buffett** – a free performance filled with music, storytelling and an exclusive opportunity to participate in an interactive conversation on community solutions with Peter Buffett, youngest son of investor Warren Buffett. After more than 30 years working as a musician, writer and philanthropist, Peter Buffett has a captivating story to tell – and he wants to share it with you. This performance combines live music, narrative insights and audience participation on topics related to human rights, civil rights, and individual legacy-building. **Cost: Free! All tickets are General Admission. Registration required.**

Always United members have an opportunity to volunteer during the United for the Future Event. If you are interested please contact Becky Morrison at bmorrison@uway.org



Lourie Health Updates Always United on New & Changing Medicare Options

Thank you to Joel Lourie of Lourie Life & Health who joined us on September 10 to share what's new, what's changed and what's best for you about Medicare. Many members were on hand to hear about their options and finding the right choices for them.

While enjoying lunch, attendees also had the opportunity to meet Always United's 2019-2020 Leadership Team, learn how their donations improve the Midlands and mark their calendars for Always United's fall activities.

We'd like to hear from YOU!

Always United's membership continues to grow, and your voices and suggestions are more important than ever! Always United membership is now more than 400 strong. We want to continue to deliver experiences that are relevant and important to you!

In this newsletter, you'll see many examples of our current activities, from lunch and learn programs, evening activities and opportunities to learn about volunteering. By filling out an Always United Member Profile, you'll help us understand how you'd like to be involved and the activities you'd like to see offered. The profile is about a dozen questions and should only take a few minutes of your time. We want you to know that we are listening!

You may find and fill the Member Profile at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AlwaysUnitedMemberProfile>
or email AlwaysUnited@uway.org to be emailed or mailed a form.



Use the camera on your mobile device to scan this QR code which will take you directly to the Always United Member Profile.

SAVE THESE DATES

Always United Hosts AARP's Ride@50+

Tuesday, November 5 | 9 - 10:30 AM

Learn how a pilot program in Columbia gives easy transportation options for access to medical care, groceries, work, special events or just a night out on the town that are simple, affordable, and efficient. Melanie Dalton of Feonix-Mobility Rising will show you how easy it is.

Registration required at alwaysunited.org or email alwaysunited@uway.org.

An Evening with an Author - Jerry Davis

Thursday, November 21 | 5:30 - 7 PM

Join us for an Evening with an Author on Thursday, November 21 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. Gerald (Jerry) Davis, author of "Algerian Diary: Frank Kearns and the 'Impossible Assignment' for CBS News" will be our keynote speaker. Plus see "Frank Kearns: American Correspondent," the Emmy award-winning documentary that Davis co-produced. At a time when nobody else cared about this part of the world, Frank Kearns covered the most dangerous stories in Africa and the Middle East in the 1950s, '60s, and early '70s for CBS News. By his own account, he was nearly killed 114 times. Davis' book and documentary keeps Kearns' legacy alive. **Register at uway.org/events to save your spot!**

Always United Celebrates the Season of Giving

Tuesday, December 3 | 12 - 1:30 PM

Join us for the second annual Always United holiday lunch where Always United members return their Be a Santa to A Senior gifts and celebrate the season on Giving Tuesday. You'll also learn about upcoming volunteer opportunities for 2020.

Registration required at alwaysunited.org or email alwaysunited@uway.org.

Always United Travels

Date TBD

Learn tips and hints to make your travel easier and have less hassles. Learn about interesting places and events that might pique your interest. Presented by AAA Travel.

Most Always United events are free, but do require registration. Members can sign up for events at uway.org/events. Events listed are held at United Way of the Midlands (1818 Blanding Street) unless noted.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Claudia Brooks, Director Always United
Phone: 803-733-5112
Email: AlwaysUnited@uway.org

Get involved, Sign up to join the Communications, Activities or Membership Committees. Email AlwaysUnited@uway.org

Learn more and join Always United by visiting alwaysunited.org.