

United Way of Perry County



“LIVE UNITED” – HOW DO WE LIVE UNITED IN PERRY COUNTY?

To **LIVE UNITED** means to work together in our community to Advance the Common Good. We want to provide the basic building blocks we all need for a good life by investing in **Education, Health, and Income/Financial Stability** because we know that a quality education leads to a stable job with enough income to support a family’s good health.

Our focus on **Education** includes the sponsorship of Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library which promotes early literacy for our local children. The UWPC provides free books to 435 local preschool children every month. All we ask in return is for parents to read to their children daily. Now that’s commitment to early literacy!

We also invest in Education through the programs conducted by Perry County Even Start, Perry Central Family Outreach, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Boy Scouts, and Perry County 4-H.

Improving the **Health** of our community is vitally important. Our investment in the health of our community is seen through the work of our partners: American Red Cross, Crisis Connection, Visiting Nurse Association, Perry County Council of Aging, and Southern Indiana Resource Solutions. We also invest in the health of our senior citizens by administering the Indiana Dept. of Health’s Senior Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program which supplies low income seniors with funds to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at our local Farmers Market. Our investment in the Perry County Food Coalition helps local pantries feed the ever increasing number of hungry families in our county.

And **Income?** For us it means **Financial Stability**...increasing the financial stability of low-income working families. Sometimes that means helping them through rough times...like now, when our economy is struggling. Our partners, Salvation Army, Catholic Charities, and Widow’s Barrel Food Pantry, are providing assistance to help families

through these tough times. UWPC also coordinates several programs (Holiday Helpers United Christmas assistance program, “Stuff the Bus” school supply drive, and the FamilyWise Prescription Discount cards) that help our residents through the hard times.



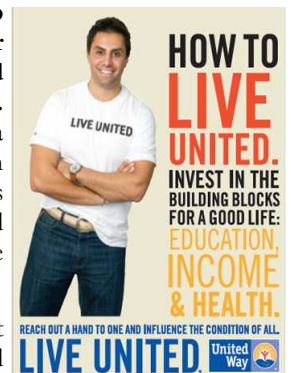
**Community Resources
of Perry County**

But is this enough? We don’t think so. Therefore, we are leading a collaboration to develop a **Community Resource Center** to house many different organizations and services that are serving those in need in our county. With transportation a big issue in Perry County, we want to help solve the puzzle our residents in need of services face every day by helping them better access those services.

Our partners, Catholic Charities, Lincoln Hills Development Corporation, Perry County Community Foundation and SIRS, are working to create a **“One-Stop-Shop.”** A facility where a dad will be able to do his taxes with help from a Benefit Bank counselor, walk down the hall to the food pantry to get temporary assistance, go across the hall to get shots for his children, and downstairs to drop off his kids for tutoring or take part in a youth activity, while he takes a class upstairs.

This dream can come true with support from our community. This center will provide benefits that will ripple through the community as a whole. New programs will be developed simply because the service providers had a chance to meet over lunch in the break room. Residents will gain self esteem by becoming a part of a community of caring individuals. **This center will lead to more educational and job opportunities, better health access, and financial stability.** And we all win when a child succeeds in school, when families have good health and when workers have solid jobs.

So let’s reach out our hand to one and influence the condition of all...let’s **LIVE UNITED in Perry County!**



Community Partners 2012

- American Red Cross
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Buffalo Trace Boy Scouts
- Crisis Connection
- Catholic Charities
- Perry Central Family Outreach
- Perry County Even Start
- Perry County 4-H
- Perry County Council on Aging
- Salvation Army
- SIRS
- Visiting Nurse Association
- Widow’s Barrel Food Pantry

LIVE UNITED

United Way recruits people and organizations who bring the passion, expertise and resources we need to get things done. We invite you to be a part of the change. You can give, you can advocate and you can volunteer. That’s what it means to **LIVE UNITED.**

Our Mission: To improve the quality of life for the people we serve by providing leadership and mobilizing resources to create lasting change.

UWPC Board Members LIVE UNITED!



“It takes the whole community working together to reach our mutual goals.”



Mary Snyder, Pam Krygielka, Mary Aders, Lynn Fulkerson, Earla Williams, Dan Conway, Kim Lasher, Patrick Rich, and Melissa James. Not pictured: Sandy Henrickson



HOW TO LIVE UNITED: JOIN HANDS. OPEN YOUR HEART. LEND YOUR MUSCLE. FIND YOUR VOICE. GIVE 10%. GIVE 100%. GIVE 110%. GIVE AN HOUR. GIVE A SATURDAY. THINK OF WE BEFORE ME. REACH OUT A HAND TO ONE AND INFLUENCE THE CONDITION OF ALL. GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER. LIVE UNITED.



Volunteers (above) helped sort toys and clothing for distribution by Holiday Helpers.

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We salute our volunteers...the backbone of our organization!

Student volunteers helped repair a fence at Anderson Woods on the Youth Day of Caring last November.



Volunteers (above) collected school supply donations at “Stuff the Bus.”

Larry Peter, right, 2010 United Way of Perry County Volunteer of the Year, served on our Board of Trustees for three years and serves our community in many other ways.



Volunteers serve as Campaign Chairmen in our community. Bruce Knox (above, right), Hoosier Hills Credit Union, is serving as our 2011 Campaign chair.....Thank you, Bruce, for helping our community reach its goals...the United Way!



Perry County Junior Women (left) conduct fundraising events to help fund Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library.



Longtime volunteers & donors, Tom & Debbie McCart (above), hosted a special event in support of the United Way of Perry County!