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Our Mission is to Strengthen and Enhance Community and Family Life

VITALI TO AGAIN CHAIR ANNUAL UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN



Ray Vitali, retired principal of Harborside Middle School and Live Oaks Elementary School, has accepted re-appointment to head the United Way of Milford's annual campaign for 2009-2010. United Way Board Chairman Rick George, Chief K-9 Control Officer, City of Milford, pointed out that despite the current economic downturn, Vitali's efforts and leadership skills enabled United Way to come close to achieving last year's goal.

Gary Johnson, United Way of Milford President, said that this year's goal is \$1 million, a slight increase over last year's achievement of \$966,000. "We realize that times are tough for all of us but these times make life even more difficult for our neighbors with financial, physical and emotional needs. Vitali has surrounded himself with a solid cadre of committee and division chairs so that we have every confidence that we will meet this year's goals." Johnson said.

Vitali brings more than 40 years of teaching and administrative experience to United Way. Furthermore, he has compiled an extensive list of community activities so that he knows firsthand about the needs of this community. He also is a member of the Board of Aldermen from the 5th District. "We all face big challenges in these trying times. Milford always has come through and its residents have extended themselves for others who are less fortunate and to organizations that need their help. I know we will be successful this year," Vitali said.

Making up the committee team for 2009-10 are: Major Firms Division Chair, Richard Popilowski, Director Development Milford Hospital; Small Business Division Chairs, Dan Worroll, Milford Fire Department and Milford resident Judith Toohey; Government Division, Kathy Huber, City Attorney's Office; Education Division, Vince Scarpetti, Principal, West Shore Middle School; Hospital Division, Karen Kipfer, Milford Hospital; Leadership Giving Division Chair, David Esposito, MD; Residential Division, Milford resident Diane Candido; Banks & Insurance Division Chair, Michael Lye, TD Bank; Professional Division Chair, Tom Lynch, Esquire; Agencies/Civic Clubs Division Chair, Toni Dolan, Beth-El Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- SEPTEMBER—
8th Annual United Way of Milford Golf Tournament—
Grassy Hill Country Club—
Friday, September 18, 2009
- SEPTEMBER—
CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF
PIETRA'S RESTAURANT
Monday, September 21, 2009
5pm to 9pm

For more information contact
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PARTNER AGENCIES SAVE THE DATE:

- Bridges Folks on Spokes—September 13, 2009, Fowler Field—for more info call 878-6365
- Milford's Promise Red Wagon Fair—September 13, 2009, Fowler Field—for more info call 490-9160
- The Kennedy Center—5th Annual Breakfast Challenge, September 16, 2009, 8am—The Circle Diner, Fairfield
- Rape Crisis Center 6th Annual Bridesmaid's Ball—September 25, 2009—for more info call 874-8712
- Young Parent Program of Milford 8th Annual Fundraiser—October 17, 2009, Sportscenter of CT—for more info call 876-4285
- Beth El Center—October 18, 2009, "Walk for the Homeless—for more information call 876-0747
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Annual Golf Tournament—September 21, 2009, 1pm, New Haven Country Club—for more info call 366-3766
- Boy Scouts Connecticut Yankee Council—Groundbreaking Ceremony for new dining hall, September 13—for more info call (203) 876-6868

From The Desk of The
President...



Gary M. Johnson,
President/CEO
United Way of Milford

As we begin our Annual Campaign Drive, you may be approached by one of this year's campaign committee members asking for your support. With many of our community members experiencing hardships, these dedicated volunteers recognize that this is a difficult year to solicit that support. These hardships are made more difficult due to the cuts in state and federal funding to the very health and human service organizations that provide for our citizens. That is why our campaign committee is committed to making this year's campaign a success. You see, United Way offers a variety of ways to aid service organizations in their efforts to meet the critical needs of our community. We collaborate with service agencies, government officials, social service departments and local businesses to help provide the needed services for all who live and work in our community. By supporting this year's campaign, you are supporting agencies that provide those services—so, when that United Way Campaign volunteer contacts you think about those less fortunate, who might just need help. We thank you in advance for your support and for helping to make a difference in our community.

United Way supports the Milford Prevention Council

Over the past eighteen months, a group of leaders from City agencies and non-profits have been meeting to tackle the need for a more permanent method of addressing substance abuse prevention and treatment among our young people. While many agencies individually concentrate on the aspects of the problem, this group's mission is to implement a variety of intervention resources through education, treatment, and enforcement issues relating to substance abuse in Milford. The United Way of Milford has agreed to fund the much needed nationally recognized Search Institute Asset Survey that will provide the data necessary to apply for larger federal and state grants. Not only will the data collected from this survey help the Milford Prevention Council, but it will be shared by our Partner Agencies too!

**REACH OUT A HAND
TO ONE AND
INFLUENCE
THE CONDITION OF ALL.**

Featured Agency: Want to Make A Difference?

Become a frontline responder—NO PREVIOUS COUNSELING EXPERIENCE NECESSARY—Sign up for the 30 hour Volunteer Certified Sexual Assault Crisis Training Program—
Begins 9/10/09, every Tues & Thurs, 6:30 to 9pm
For more information contact:
Sheila Richards @ (203) 874-8712 or
sheila.mrcc@sbcglobal.net



A toll-free, easy to remember 3 digit number, available 24/7, and confidential

CONNECTS YOU TO:

- Alzheimer's resources
- Basic needs
- Childcare services
- Childcare health
- Consumer help
- Counseling
- Crisis intervention
- Disability services
- Drug/Alcohol programs
- Emergency shelter
- Energy assistance
- Financial assistance
- Health care
- HIV/AIDS testing
- Housing
- Legal assistance
- Parenting programs
- Pre-natal care
- Senior services
- Suicide prevention
- Transportation
- Veterans' services
- Volunteering
- And much more...



Wendy Gibbons-Shepro accepts check on behalf of the Milford Prevention Council from United Way President, Gary Johnson

**GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.
LIVE UNITED.**