

UNITED WAY OF MILFORD

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Our
Mission is to
Strengthen
and
Enhance
Community
and Family
Life.

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VNA Award—

On November 15, 2010 United Way of Milford and our Partner Agency Beth-El Center were awarded the 2010 Community Partnership Award by the Visiting Nurse Association of South Central Connecticut, Inc. for working together to provide nursing services to the families of the Shelter which result in fewer hospitalizations. This is an example of how United Way and our Partner Agencies, Beth-El Center and the VNA, collaborate meeting critical needs in the community.

From the Desk of the President...



Gary Johnson

On November 25 Americans will gather to celebrate Thanksgiving—watching football, overeating, and preparing the “game plan” for Black Friday shopping or as Wal-Mart calls it, “The Event”—a far cry from the first Thanksgiving in 1621 when Pilgrims expressed gratitude at their survival of a devastating first winter and a bountiful harvest. These Pilgrims were also thankful for the support of the American Indians who gave them the tools to survive that first winter by teaching them how to grow crops, hunt and fish—the Pilgrims survived because of the generosity of the Indians. Of course we don’t need to know how to grow crops, fish, or hunt to survive. We have the convenience of grocery stores and farmers’ markets—at least the majority of us do. However, every day in our community there are individuals and families who do not know if they will have enough food for their families, a place to sleep, medical care, or money for their electric bill. It is through the kindness of those who give what they can afford in order to help others that United Way of Milford can provide those needed services to our community. It is because of community members that we are able to partner with the Milford Department of Human Services and Youth and Family Services to provide Thanksgiving meals to over 400 families—Thank you Milford!

But, once the day is done, and we are back to our regular routines the need does not disappear. I encourage you, while sitting at your table reflecting on what you are most grateful for, to please consider the “giving” part of Thanksgiving. This could be volunteering with or contributing to the United Way of Milford. The first Pilgrims would not have survived without the aid of the American Indians; there are those in our own backyard whose daily agenda is to survive. Please consider helping us give those in need the tools to help them survive.



United Way
envisions a
world where all
individuals and
families achieve
their human
potential
through
education,
income stability
and healthy
lives

UNITED WAY GIVING TREES



Please join the **United Way of Milford** and **Westfield Connecticut Post** in supporting this year's Giving Trees.

Select a tag and purchase a gift for a special person, then return the unwrapped gift to the Shopping Concierge Center or the Mall Office.

Your support is most appreciated by us, and by those we serve!
Happy Holidays to all!

UNITED WAY PARTNERS WITH MILFORD DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES on ADOPT A FAMILY HOLIDAY PROGRAM

The Milford Department of Human Services and Milford Youth and Family Services is currently running the ADOPT A FAMILY HOLIDAY PROGRAM again this season. We have been inundated with requests from Milford families in need of assistance. Unfortunately, we are short of people willing to serve as donors. Any person willing to ADOPT A FAMILY, CHILD, or donate funds to support these needs would be very much appreciated. Monetary donations can be sent to the UNITED WAY as the fiduciary for the program. If you need more information on the program please call Erica Bento, Outreach Worker, Department of Human Services @ 203-783-3253.

**CAMPAIGN
HIGHLIGHTS to date...**

IKON SUPPORTS UNITED WAY

Vin Sullo, Sales Manager, presents Ray Vitali and Gary Johnson the proceeds from their Golf Tournament— Thank you!



A Snapshot of our Annual Campaign and the Generosity of our Community:

Schick is up over 20% from last year and has raised with their corporate match \$276,000 thus far—FANTASTIC!!

BIC follows with \$74,000 including their corporate match—MARVELOUS!!

Schools—**Mathewson Elementary** is at \$4,000, an increase of 69% over last year—A+ work!!
 And, **Calf Pen Meadow** raised \$2,635 for an increase of 92% over last year—GOLD STAR work!!
 Up 15% this year, **John F. Kennedy** increased to \$1,446 in donations—INCREDIBLE work!!
Harborside was generous in their donation up over 50% from last year with \$1,902—CHECK PLUS work!!

Milford Police Department shines with 81% participation and an increase over last year of 13.8% raising \$7,241 to date—Stupendous!!

K9 Control Department recognized the increase in need and donated 8.7% over last year for a total of \$3,900—A Howling job!!

And the **KIDS**—what an OUTSTANDING JOB supporting Mentoring through HAT DAY raising over \$800.

To continue, **Bead Industries**, a small manufacturing company, raised 50% more this year and has a company match as well for a total of \$4,940—WONDERFUL!!

Bridges is over \$15,000—A BIG THANKS!!

Beth-El Center, with a staff of 7 people, is up 23% over last year with a total of \$861—MAGNIFICENT!!

These companies and organizations help United Way meet the ever growing need for services in our community. With their continued support and the many others who support our Annual Campaign we are able to accomplish much more and create lasting change.

United Way Emergency Fund

The Emergency Fund is a Board approved fund set up each year to assist those who live and work in Milford. The fund helps in the areas of rent assistance, fuel and utility bills, medical, food, childcare, and summer camperships. To date the fund has distributed \$7,500 and helped 28 families. The need is greater than past years and anyone wishing to help add to the fund can contact Gary Johnson @ 203-874-6791

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Don't forget to check out our **FamilyWize Program!** These free discount prescription cards can save an average of 30% on 8 out of 10 prescriptions. Cards are available at United Way of Milford or you can download them at www.familywize.org.



Please join us for our
4th Annual Holiday Extravaganza
to benefit
The United Way of Milford

Wednesday, December 1st, 2010
5:30 - 9:00 pm
SBC Restaurant Milford, CT

Please join us for an evening of
music, appetizers, drinks (beer, wine, soda)
raffle prizes and more!

Be entered to win a door prize when you bring a new unwrapped toy and/or when you pre-register.

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in the
COMMUNITY

MILFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY
SENIOR FAIR
BABY BOOMER FAIR
Saturday
November 20
10 AM - 1 PM
LIFE-LONG LEARNING
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
HEALTH INFO
SOCIAL
AND MORE !!!!



Partner Agencies' Upcoming Events

- **Milford Senior Center**— call 203-877-5131 for info on any of the following programs—
 - ⇒ December 1, 1:30pm; Certified Life Underwriter Lou Elmo speaks on Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield and United Health Care supplements; Matt Zuckerman will speak on Humana Supplements
 - ⇒ December 8, 1:30pm; The Note Ables, Milford Senior Band and Choral Group will assist the Trim a Tree program
 - ⇒ December 10, 6pm-8pm; Children's Christmas Party, \$2.00/child, refreshments will be served
 - ⇒ December 19, 2pm; Gospel Choir concert
 - ⇒ December 29, 1pm-3:30pm; New Year's Eve Party, entertainment by Vinnie Carr, Dinner by Lasse's Restaurant
- **Milford Family Resource CTR**—December 4, 10am to 1pm; Children's Holiday Concert featuring The Learning Station—the concert starts at 11am, but SANTA will be in the house for visits beginning at 10am, tickets \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door (no charge for children) Call 203-783-3626 or email mfrfc@milforded.org for more information.
- **Beth-El Center**—December 11, 7:30pm, Spirit of Love Concert; The Coastal Chordsmen, Lee Lund Dance Companies, and Steve D'Agostino to perform; Parson's CTR, Tickets: \$25/adult; \$15 children 6 to 17, under 6 is free. Call 203-988-8598 for tickets and information