

UNITED WAY OF MILFORD

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

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UNITED WAYS STAND WITH THOSE AFFECTED BY THE DEVASTATING TORNADOS ACROSS MIDWEST

United Way Worldwide offers its deepest sympathy to the people affected by the tornado that caused total destruction in parts of Joplin, Missouri on May 22, 2011. The tornado, the strongest in Missouri's history, claimed more than 100 lives, left more than 1,000 people injured, and destroyed more than 2,000 structures along its six mile path.

United Ways are working with private, public, faith-based and community partners to assess the long-term recovery needs of the community. Additionally, United Ways are assisting response agencies in the provision of food, shelter, emergency health and transportation for those affected by the tornado.

What you can do to help in the affected communities:

Heart of Missouri United Way is helping to raise awareness, coordinate relief and raise disaster relief funds. Text-to-Give: Text JOPLIN to 864833 to give a gift of \$10 to the disaster relief effort.

United Way of the Plains is helping victims of the recent tornadoes in Reading, Kansas and Joplin, Missouri. Checks for donations can be made out to: United Way Tornado Relief. Mail them to: United Way of the Plains, 245 N. Water, Wichita, KS 67202. Donors can designate their donation by writing either Joplin or Reading in the memo line.

\$10.00 donation to United Way Central Alabama. Charges will appear on your wireless bill, or be deducted from your prepaid balance. All purchases must be authorized by account holder.

Message and Data Rates May Apply.

Text TORNADO to 50555 to give \$10!

Or you can visit the following:

American Red Cross at www.redcross.org
Salvation Army at www.salvationarmyusa.org

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



From the Desk of the President..

Gary Johnson

A great foundation has been built by those who have and those who do serve in our organization. It began with a handful of local visionaries who started this organization in 1957 leading all the way up to dynamic community leaders who have served over the years and lead our Board today.

United Way's reputation for adapting to the needs of the community it serves still holds, as we continue to implement a fresh approach to philanthropy.

Our efforts in Education, Income and Health are changing Milford for the better. We find solutions and fund interventions at critical points ... in an abused child's life, a working family's financial troubles, or someone who's living on the streets. Our goal is to get at the root of problems and change the conditions before they become critical issues.

We believe in the power of a caring community, a group of people dedicated to improving lives. If you knew you could make the difference between struggle and success for your fellow Milfordites, what would you do? There are many ways to get involved in giving, advocating or volunteering. We hope you'll be inspired to make a donation of either time or money to continue the important effort underway.

Together, we can accomplish more than any single group can on its own. That's Living United.

I conclude this month's message by extending a heartfelt thank you to Pam Staneski, our Campaign Administrative Assistant who is leaving the United Way staff on June 15th. Pam is taking a much deserved break from her duties at United Way to spend more time with her family, especially her new granddaughter in Virginia. This truly is a bittersweet parting as words cannot express the value which Pam has brought to our organization and to me personally. Pam has promised though that she will lend her volunteer support to United Way once she returns from spending some quality family time and perhaps a little traveling. THANK YOU PAM!

**THANK YOU
FOR INSPIRING HOPE
FOR A BETTER TOMORROW.
GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.
LIVE UNITED.**



Partner Agency Happenings

Beth-El Center

June 4

6pm to 11pm

3rd Annual *Light Up the Harbor
for Beth-El*

Tickets are \$80/person

Call 203-876-0747 for more info

Milford Senior Center

June 3; 1:15pm

Holiday Song Fest

June 5; 2pm

The Choral Group to perform
patriotic songs

June 6; 6:30pm

Line Dancing

June 7; 9:15 to 1:15pm

AARP Driving Course

June 9; 1:30pm

Home Care Program presentation

June 10; 5pm

Dine and Dance; tickets \$10

June 14; 1:30pm

Flag Day Salute

June 19; 9am to 12pm

Father's Day Breakfast

Tickets \$6; \$5 seniors;

\$25 family of 5

Call Mary Steinmetz;

203-877-5131 for more info

Bridges...A Community Support System

June 24

Kenny Vance and the Planotones

Parson's Auditorium, 8pm

Tickets \$40

For more info call

203-301-2338

Milford's Promise

August 20

10am to 4pm (Oysterfest)

3rd Annual Children's Toy Tag

Sale (Milford Bank parking lot)

For more info call

203-490-9160

The Kennedy Center

June 27

20th Annual Charity Golf Classic

Shorehaven Golf Club in Norwalk

\$350/golfer

For more info call

203-365-8522, ext 216

UNITED WAY OF MILFORD UPCOMING EVENTS

June 12—Ride For Hope
Charity Motorcycle Ride
28 Progress Ave (Dr. Energy Saver)
Seymour, CT



SAVE THE DATE

9:30am registration
\$25/rider; \$10/passenger
BBQ only \$10/non-
rider

Month of July—
ShopRite Milford —
Hosting United Way Awareness
Month



Early Bird Registration
Special
\$20/rider; \$5/
passenger
Before JUNE 1, 2011

September 23—
**10th ANNUAL
GOLF TOURNAMENT**
Grassy Hill Country Club



Register @
www.rideforhope.org

INVEST
IN
YOUR
COMMUNITY

CHAMPION
THE
CAUSE

GIVE
YOUR
TIME



Once again, ShopRite of Milford will host United Way Days during the month of July. United Way along with our Partner Agencies take this time to raise awareness about the needs of our community and the services that are available.

We will be selling hot dogs and drinks on Tuesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 11am to 4pm. Stop by for a dog and some info.

If you would like to volunteer please call United Way of Milford @ 203-874-6791.

**UNITED
WAY
DOLLARS
MAKE
A
DIFFERENCE!**

TROOP #39373 MENTORS YOUNGER TROOP

Back in January Sharon Lucca, volunteer for high school troop #39373 contacted our headquarters. She said that the girls in her troop voted to use their cookie money to support other troops that were in need. They wanted to visit them and serve as mentors and role models that would encourage them to stay in Girl Scouts up to 12th grade!



I quickly thought of Troop # 83209 made up of mostly grades 3-5 and located at Milford Boys and Girls Club. This troop wanted to sell cookies but we did not have a volunteer trained to facilitate that activity with the girls. The high school troop stepped in and met with the girls three times. At the first meeting they taught the girls about the cookies—they did this by making posters for their booth, making thank-yous and learning the cookie flavors by playing a cookie game. The next meeting had the Girl Scouts from the high school working one-on-one with the younger girls at the cookie booth set-up in the Milford Boys and Girls Club building. The girls taught them about counting inventory before they started, how to work with customers, how to make change and the importance of saying thank-you.

The little troop made a \$200 profit- and an end of the year ceremony was planned. The cookie patch and Girl Scout pins were presented with a uniform sash for each girl. The high school girls were invited and thank-you cards were presented to them. We went around the room to ask what the girls remembered about their first year of Girl Scouts and all unanimously said, "Making the posters and selling the cookies with the older girls!"

And the high school troop enjoyed themselves just as much--
" Our troop always enjoys cookie booths and does well so we wanted to share the fun with the other girls".

"It was nice to teach younger girls about Girl Scouts. We enjoyed teaching them as much as they enjoyed learning from us."

" I enjoyed helping them to have a successful cookie booth and I learned that what I thought was a small effort on my part really meant so much to the girls."

Before the high school troop left that day, they presented me with a donation from their own cookie sale for the Girl Scouts of Connecticut, Inc. to be used for financial aid so other girls can become members.

SUBMITTED BY: ANITA SILVESTRO, GIRL SCOUTS of CONNECTICUT

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UNITED WAY OF MILFORD 2011 CAMPAIGN CABINET

- Campaign Chair—Ray Vitali—Milford Public Schools (retired)
- Major Firms—Vin Bartoli—Turner Construction
- Small Business—Peter Spalthoff—Shoreline Mortgage Co. (retired)
- Government—Frank Tomaselli—Milford Police Department
- Education—Greta Stanford—Milford Public Schools (retired)
- Hospital—Karen Kipfer—Milford Hospital
- Professionals—Ken Fellenbaum—The Village Church
- Leadership Giving—Phil Caporusso, DMD—Caporusso Orthodontics
- Banks/Insurance—Audra Wilder—GE Federal Credit Union
- Agencies/Clubs—Charlie Clifford—Woodruff Family YMCA
- Residential—Diane Candido—Milford Public Schools (retired)

The Cabinet leaders work together to create and implement specific strategies that will bolster workplace, corporate and individual giving. The Cabinet raises awareness about how United Way of Milford identifies and responds to critical needs in the community through its Community Impact work.

The Community Campaign Cabinet provides volunteer leadership in developing and implementing successful workplace United Way campaigns and other fundraising opportunities.

Cabinet volunteers are top executives and community leaders who serve as Division Chairs setting benchmarks, implementing strategies and monitoring outcomes within their respective areas of expertise.

Advocate.

You can make change happen with your voice. United Way needs people who are passionate about education, income and health to make some noise.

- Reading, Tutoring, or Mentoring one hour each week can change the life of a child

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



The check above represents the dollars that have been saved by those who have utilized the Familywise Discount Prescription Card in our area.

For prescriptions that are NOT covered by insurance.

STOP BY UNITED WAY of MILFORD and PICK UP YOUR DISCOUNT CARD TODAY!!

BOCCE TOURNAMENT FUN FOR ALL

On Saturday (May 21) Dan Worroll, Kathy Patterson, and Jude Toohey hosted the Annual United Way Bocce Tournament at the 'newish' courts next to the United Way Office. Everyone had a wonderful time and according to Dan, the competition, while friendly, was intense!

The winning team (and last year's champs) are Tom Mancini and Pasqual Okieboy. Second place went to Mary Ellen Clark and Dana Enders.

