

News & Events

Summer 2008

UPCOMING EVENTS

Days of Caring projects are now available on the UWGAT website. For more information, please contact Emily Treano.

A **Leadership Reception** for all leadership donors will be held at Attleboro Arts Museum from 5:30pm - 7pm on September 16, 2008.

UWGAT's **Annual Fall Golf Classic** is being held at Ledgemont Country Club on Monday, October 6, 2008. Contact Melissa Vanhorn and keep watching your mailbox for more details.

UWGAT will host its **Annual Meeting** on October 27, 2008 at Chateau in Norton. More details will follow.

2007-2008 Campaign Celebration

On Monday, May 5, 2008, UWGAT hosted its annual Campaign Celebration Event with a Cinco de Mayo theme, complete with piñatas, sombreros, and a Mexican meal. The evening was a huge success with a great turnout in support of workplace donors. The event is held annually to celebrate outstanding levels of financial and participatory achievement through UWGAT's workplace employee campaigns. These campaigns generate the majority of funding used to support local programs and services for improving the quality of life for our communities. United Way's 2007 campaign raised approximately 2.3 million dollars, which will support 34 agencies providing 68 programs over the next year.

The evening's agenda included acknowledging, and thanking the Board of Directors, Campaign Cabinet, Incorporators, staff, partner agencies, volunteers, local businesses, and employee professionals.

Companies with an outstanding level of participation and giving were honored by receiving a Platinum, Gold, or Silver award. Platinum Awards require a minimum of 75% employee participation and an average employee gift amount of \$78.00. Gold Award recipients require a minimum of 65% and an average employee gift amount of \$55.00. Silver Award recipients represent a 50% employee participation and an average employee gift amount of \$45.00. Please see our complete list of the 2007-2008 award recipients online at our website at www.uwgat.org.

The evening concluded with four raffle drawings in which each winner received \$500.00 worth of gift certificates and gift cards (generously donated by area businesses, restaurants, retailers, and gift shops).



UWGAT President Dianne DePippo with UWGAT Board President, Patrick Murray, Jr. during the annual Campaign Celebration Event at Holiday Inn - Mansfield.

UWGAT's Annual Fall Golf Classic

UWGAT's Annual Fall Golf Classic will take place on Monday, October 6, 2008. We are happy to announce, for the second year, we will be hosting this year's event at Ledgemont Country Club in Seekonk.

Do not miss this opportunity to support the many critical community programs partnering with United Way of Greater Attleboro/Taunton. You will enjoy a round of golf followed by a wonderful meal and awards ceremony at this spectacular venue. We guarantee sunshine and an experience you will not forget.

Event Sponsors, Tee Sponsors, Lunch Sponsors, and golfers are invited to demonstrate your community support by contacting Melissa Vanhorn at 508.222.2337, ext. 106 for more information. You may also preview the beautiful Ledgemont Country Club by visiting their website at www.ledgemontcc.com.



“Community Impact Success”

from Community VNA

“Mr. B” who suffers from Alzheimer’s disease, is 86 years old and lives in a North Attleboro mobile home park with his wife who is his primary care giver. They have caring, involved adult children who try to help, but who live out of town and cannot be there constantly. He is ambulatory and physically able to do things, but his short term memory has become so bad (and after 4 auto accidents), his family decided that he was no longer safe to drive. Her health issues include arthritis and diabetes which has affected her vision so severely that she can no longer drive. Now, with neither one driving, living in their cozy mobile home park has become isolating and lonely for them. Their daughter contacted our Alzheimer’s Assistance Program looking for help and a nursing assessment was done, the daughter was provided with informational resources and made arrangements for a companion/housekeeper to come in once a week for 2 hours. The housekeeper assists “Mr. & Mrs. B” by running errands and helps them with housekeeping in their small mobile home. She also keeps the family and CVNA updated as to any changes in patient status. The daughter has put the informational resources and advice from the Program to good use, and has begun the process of planning for the near future when her parents will move together to an assisted living facility, as the choice they determined would be in the best interests of everyone involved.

Volunteering Matters

Days of Caring is a United Way program that pairs volunteers with community agency projects. These volunteers participate in labor-intensive projects, including, but not limited to: technological, painting, landscaping, or minor construction, as well as work at community centers, tutoring children, and spending time with elders or people with disabilities.

The 2008 Days of Caring volunteer opportunities are now available online at www.uwgat.org. You can visit the site to get involved and search for available projects at our local partner agencies. Please note the site is updated frequently as new project requests come in.



To find out more information regarding this year’s Days of Caring projects or to schedule your Day of Caring, please contact Emily Treano at 508.222.2337, ext. 116 or emily@uwgat.org.

211 Moves to 24 hours/day, 7 days/week

UWGAT is pleased to announce that as of May 5, 2008, the easy to remember Massachusetts 2-1-1 system has now expanded it’s service to become available 24 hours/day, 7 days/week. 211 is a statewide collaboration of local United Ways and the Massachusetts Association of Information and Referral Specialist to provide free, confidential information and referral service to assess the callers’ needs and provide the most appropriate referral and help possible. Also, United Way and Mass211 have entered into a partnership with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Emergency Management agency to become their official information telephone call center. This center will be used to disperse official state emergency information, which can also be accessed via the website at www.mass211.org.



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