



## Jennings County United Way

### **Jennings County United Way**

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# Celebration of 2005

an annual report

## Director's Report

This is my sixth campaign as Director of Jennings County United Way. The campaign has grown from \$203,000 to \$320,000. Each year we have raised the goal and each year we have surpassed the goal. As a result, many more dollars have been available to meet the needs and improve the lives of every one in our community. The growth and success is due to the wonderful generosity of the people of Jennings County who make donations of both their time and money. I am especially beholden to the volunteers who work year round to guide this organization and the many volunteers who rally together during the campaign and do that vital work to meet the goal.

The needs of Programs and Agencies we fund continue to increase and we have expanded our funding to incorporate new areas. We continue to fund many programs and services that meet critical needs such as food and energy assistance, domestic violence and homelessness, literacy, hospice care and senior care. These kinds of issues will always be the core programs we support. We also fund many youth related programs, basketball, soccer, football and baseball leagues, competitive swimming, club activities, Park Theatre children's plays and education. More funds available to the community mean we can increase support to new programs such as Big Brothers and Sisters and Legal Aid and add new programs, such as CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for children).

Other exciting things are happening with our United Way. We have entered collaboration with a number of community members called 4Community. The area we have identified deals with basic workplace readiness skills and training in the county, called Get Ahead, ETC. The goal is to increase the number of adults adequately prepared to enter the work force, advance in their careers, and stay employed. People who are more work ready will be more successful in the workplace and their lives. We are in our second year of coordinating the Jennings County Youth Leadership Program. Twenty-four highschoolers spend the year learning leadership skills and are being exposed to many unique experiences to help expand their personal growth and awareness. A Youth Philanthropy program is being defined and we hope to instill and train young people to give back to their community and become United Way's future. We started a granting program for elementary school age children in conjunction with annual student walks, where one class from each school is able to pick a non-profit and grant some of the money they raised. The annual Day of Caring grows each year with more participants and more community projects accomplished.

The entire United Way system across the nation is transforming itself to support a new mission and vision to mobilize communities and improve lives. Part of this is to ensure that we are bringing our focus and resources to bear on community impact. We strive towards continual self-improvement in regards to self-assessment of our impact, financial management, and organizational governance. As an independent United Way we adhere to standards helping us remain the trusted partner of those who wish to make our community better.

I feel honored to be part of the United Way family and in a position to help guide this organization towards mobilizing the community to improve lives. It is my continuing pleasure to serve this county as director of United Way.

*Kristi Rowell*, Executive Director

## 2005 Funds Deployed

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| American Red Cross- Jennings County Service Center | \$9,000.00  |
| Bartholomew Area Legal Aid                         | \$2,210.00  |
| Big Brothers Big Sisters                           | \$3,000.00  |
| Boy Scouts of America Hoosier Trails Council       | \$2,000.00  |
| Family Connections                                 | \$750.00    |
| Girl Scouts Tulip Trace Council                    | \$2,000.00  |
| Hospice of Jennings County                         | \$7,000.00  |
| Humane Society of Jennings County                  | \$4,500.00  |
| Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers                    | \$5,000.00  |
| JCEC- Child Development Center                     | \$3,000.00  |
| Jennings County Association for Retarded Citizens  | \$5,000.00  |
| Jennings County Coordinating Council               | \$12,000.00 |
| Jennings County Domestic Violence                  | \$14,000.00 |
| Jennings County Family YMCA                        | \$15,000.00 |
| Jennings County Homeless Shelter                   | \$11,000.00 |
| Jennings County Literacy Council                   | \$7,000.00  |
| Jennings County Swim Team                          | \$5,200.00  |
| Kiwanis Football Program                           | \$2,500.00  |
| North Vernon Park & Rec Youth Baseball             | \$4,000.00  |
| Park Theatre Civic Centre                          | \$3,500.00  |
| Scipio Athletic                                    | \$2,000.00  |
| Senior Resources of Jennings County                | \$12,000.00 |
| The Salvation Army                                 | \$2,000.00  |
| Turning Point                                      | \$2,500.00  |

Funded Programs Total | \$136,160.00

Donor Designations \$6,968.52

Special Project Grants total \$11,039.00

United Way Programs total \$10,466.77

**2005 Total Deployed \$164,634.29**

### 2005 Special Project Grants

Brush Creek Elementary Author's Club, Coordinating Council Christmas baskets, JCHS Color Guard- Uniforms & Flags, Jennings County Drug & Alcohol Task Force, Jennings County Family YMCA- tumbling program, Park & Rec Fast Pitch Softball- equipment, Senior Resources- ballroom dancing, St Vincent Jennings Hospital- back packs for school, VFW Post 2021- disabled veterans van, 2005 Student Mini Grants

*In the simplest terms, a leader is one who knows where they want to go and gets up and goes. ~John Erskine*

# Balance Sheet

as of December 31, 2005

|   |  |                     |
|---|--|---------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                                 |  |                     |
| Cash - Checking                               |  | \$10,417.45         |
| Cash - Savings                                |  | \$86,855.18         |
| Certificate of Deposit                        |  | \$5,244.02          |
| Pledges Receivable 2005                       |  | \$122,041.39        |
| Pledges Receivable 2004                       |  | \$71,329.83         |
| Pledges Receivable 2003                       |  | \$3,965.00          |
| Allowance for Uncollectables                  |  | (\$30,000.00)       |
| Property & Equipment                          |  | \$30,831.06         |
| Interest in Endowment- Permanently Restricted |  | \$17,988.00         |
| Prepaid expenses                              |  | \$996.12            |
| Accumulated Depreciation                      |  | (\$25,736.83)       |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                           |  | <b>\$293,931.22</b> |
| <br><b>Liabilities</b>                        |  |                     |
| Accounts Payable                              |  | \$600.03            |
| 2004 Designations Payable                     |  | \$5,854.99          |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                      |  | <b>\$6,455.02</b>   |
| <br><b>Fund Balances</b>                      |  |                     |
| <b>Total Liability and Fund Balance</b>       |  | <b>\$287,476.20</b> |

*Financial reports are subject to audit*

# Helping Neighbors... the United Way

.. Is more than a nice sentiment. It is something at the very heart of what we do. We have a long tradition of caring for each other in Jennings County and our United Way is part of that tradition. United Way is hard at work helping people right here in our community.

Whether it is the Coordinating Council providing for those in need, Hospice helping the terminally ill, United Way Dollars for Scholars scholarship awards for the worthy young people, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts helping prepare youth for living in our high-tech society or any number of other United Way funded programs, United Way donors and volunteers make a difference in Jennings County by giving the help needed to make life better for everyone.

# Vision and Leadership

“Our Mission..  
to provide vision and leadership in the communities pursuit of a rich and full quality of life for all people in Jennings County.”

# 2005 Board of Directors

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# Staff

Kristi Rowell, Executive Director  
Cheri Massey, Programs Coordinator

# The Way Dreams Come True!

United Way brightens lives from Butlerville to Hayden, from Commiskey to Scipio and every place in between. United Way sponsored services are there for everyone. There is not a community or a home anywhere in the county that is not somehow touched by United Way funded programs.

Thank you for helping continue our strong tradition of making a difference and leading the way in our community.