

LIVE UNITED TIMES

THE FINAL PUSH IS ON!

Now is the time for action. Now is the time where your help is truly needed.

As this year's United Way Chair, I personally visited all 72 United Way Partner Agencies and saw firsthand the positive impact that the 160 United Way supported programs are making in people's lives. I know the United Way Network is in place and working diligently to assist the people in our community at a time when they need it most.

In order to meet these needs, the United Way's goal this year is \$8,020,330. Is it attainable? Absolutely, but only with your help. You have the power to make a difference in the lives of your neighbor, friends, co-workers, and even your own family members who may need the services of a United Way Partner Agency.

Last year was a tough year for this community, but we pulled together and reached the \$8 million goal. Our community's citizens have shown time and again that they will help their friends, neighbors, and co-workers when times are really tough. The increased human needs in our community are huge but so is the generosity of people like you.

The community has really rallied this year to help meet the increased social service needs. So far, our community has raised just over \$7 million. We still have a million more to raise with 3 weeks to go. It will take every one of us doing what we can to make it. However, this isn't just about making a number. The ultimate goal is to meet the needs in our community. That will be true success!

Thank you to those of you who have already given. If you haven't given yet, it's not too late. Remember that YOU have the power to make a difference in our community. Thank you for your continued support of United Way.

Joe Catti
2009-2010 Campaign Chair



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Campaign
Results

True Story of
Living United -
VIP

Sanibel & Pine
Island United
Way Houses

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FIDDLESTICKS RAISES \$181,115!

Fiddlesticks Community set an ambitious goal of raising \$175,000 for the campaign. However, the community raised \$181,115!

This included 43 Keel Club Members and 7 Alexis de Tocqueville Members.



Fiddlesticks residents at their thank-you reception. From the left are Bob Walter, Gerry Wolken, Jack Rogers, Marc Lobdell, Nancy Clair, Cliff Smith, and Paul Pearson.



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**BELL TOWER
SHOPS**

**FEBRUARY
18th**

5:00 P.M.

Bell Tower Shops presents "Sip in Style" a fashion show to benefit the United Way on Thursday, February 18 at 5:00 p.m. The event will showcase hot spring looks from selected Bell Tower Shops including Banana Republic, Saks Fifth Avenue and White House/Black Market.

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of food and cocktails will benefit United Way. Raffle proceeds, including a pair of diamond earrings from Mayors and a \$500 shopping spree at Bell Tower Shops, will also benefit United Way.

Special VIP seating areas will be provided by Bistro 41 and Robb & Stucky. Tables, with dedicated servers, may be reserved in advance for \$20 for a table of four, or \$40 for tables of 8. Proceeds from the table reservations will be donated to United Way.

Sip in Style will be held on a runway at the fountain at the north end of the shopping center near Saks Fifth Avenue. Cocktails will be available at 5 p.m. with the fashion show beginning at 6 p.m. The event is free to the public. Reservations are encouraged by calling 239-277-3963. Bell Tower Special shopping bags are available to the first 200 reservations.

TRUE STORY OF LIVING UNITED



A handsome and distinguished looking attorney whose vision had deteriorated over time, leaving him with no vision came to Visually Impaired Persons (VIP) as a client. He shared with the staff at VIP that he had recently lost his job because he had not received vocational skills training for the blind. He was at a total loss, not knowing how to cope with life as a blind person. His world had been turned up side down, and was suffering with depression, fear and anxiety because of his condition.

VIP helped him with several orientation and mobility classes, as well as computer courses and counseling sessions. He has now turned his life around with the dedicated help of a VIP staff member and with his own determination. He has adjusted to a new way of life without sight and has found a new profession related to the visually impaired. He serves others through his own life experiences, giving back to the community.

What can your United Way gift do at VIP?

- \$250 contribution will give a blind student vocational rehabilitation training

-\$100 will provide a blind person with orientation and mobility instruction so that he can navigate to and from home and work.

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United Way 

Please support our community by making your donation to United Way today!
Call 439-433-2000, or safely contribute on our website by visiting
www.unitedwaylee.org and click on "Donate Now."

Your support will make a difference for so many people
who are struggling in our community.

SANIBEL & PINE ISLAND UNITED WAY HOUSES OPEN

Bonita Springs & Lehigh Houses in New Facilities

United Way is pleased to announce that there are two new houses, on Sanibel and Pine Island. In addition the Bonita Springs and Lehigh United Way Houses are now in new, expanded locations. United Way Houses bring health and human services to neighborhoods where services are needed.

The lead agency for the Sanibel United Way House is Friends In Service Here (F.I.S.H.). The Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Center provides services there, in addition to current activities of F.I.S.H. such as food distribution, medical transportation, home bound meal delivery and others.

The lead agency for the Pine Island United Way House is Beacon of Hope. CCMI, Goodwill and Consumer Credit Counseling provide services at the location in addition to Beacon of Hope's thrift store, unemployment filing assistance and other services.

