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UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN REACHES GOAL!

On Friday March 27th, the United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades was scheduled to conclude the 2008-2009 Campaign; however, the campaign was over \$90,000 short. On Monday, the United Way extended the campaign one extra week. Through a very generous last push by volunteers, the goal was met the following week.

Mark Morris, Campaign Chair, made the goal announcement on March 6th. **Contributions totaled \$8,019,741. This represents a 6% increase over last year's amount raised and is the 16th consecutive year that goal has been obtained or exceeded. United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades had the largest percentage increase of any United Way in the entire state of Florida for the 2008-2009 Campaign.**

"Thank you to all of the individuals, companies, communities and agencies for their generous contributions. Generosity is not defined by the size of the contributions individuals made, but by the fact that they gave as much as they were able. Those who could, increased their contributions substantially, knowing that this is a year when their contributions are sorely needed. Many, who were struggling themselves also gave, knowing that there are people in our community who were in desperate need of help," said Mark Morris at the goal announcement. "I am extremely proud of our community."

The fact that goal was met means that crucial funding will be available to the 70 United Way partner agencies and over 160 programs. These programs help adults, children, teenagers, and seniors who need food, utility assistance, medical services, shelter, counseling and many other vital needs in our community.



Top Companies

Publix Super Markets - \$1,158,000
Bonita Bay Group - \$446,000
Chico's - \$236,000
Lee County School District - \$231,000
Oswald Trippe & Company - \$181,000
The News-Press - \$123,000
United States Postal Service - \$119,000
Lee Memorial Health System - \$116,000
LCEC - \$110,000
FineMark National Bank and Trust - \$105,000
Lee County Government - \$102,000

Top Communities

Bonita Bay Community - \$886,000
Sanibel/Captiva Community - \$261,000
The Brooks Community - \$198,000
Mediterra Community - \$180,000
Fiddlesticks Community - \$171,000

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Publix Appreciation Day



February 19th was the corporate wide Publix Appreciation Day. United Way volunteers and agencies said thank you by visiting the Publix stores in our area. Publix Super Markets set the pace for the campaign by contributing more than \$1,158,000 to the 2008-2009 United Way Campaign. Clockwise from the top left are Campaign Chair Mark Morris at Store #426; Publix Store #365; and United Way Board Member Jo Bradshaw, Harry Chapin Food Banks and The Salvation Army at Publix Store #847.



Alexis de Tocqueville Society

The Alexis de Tocqueville Society Dinner, hosted by Linda and David Lucas, was held on February 23rd at the Bonita Bay Club. The guest speaker for the event was Mick Ukleja, leadership coach and author of "Who Are You and What Do You Want?: A Journey For the Best of Your Life."



The Alexis de Tocqueville Society is chaired by David Lucas. This year there were 16 new members bringing the total membership to 138. **The Society exceeded last year's amount and raised over \$2 million (\$2,050,070) for the second year in a row.** Since its inception, Alexis de Tocqueville Society Members have contributed more than \$13 million to our United Way.



Clockwise from the top left are: Campaign Vice Chair Joe Catti, Jo Ann Beightol, Betty Andres, and Dick Beightol; Louise and Mick Ukleja; and Pat and Al O'Donnell.

2008-2009 CAMPAIGN RESULTS

Pacesetter Results were listed in the previous Campaign Newsletter

Bonita Bay Group
9 de Tocqueville Members
42 Keel Club Members
Total Raised \$445,652

Chico's
2 de Tocqueville Members
58 Keel Club Members
Total Raised \$236,289

Lee County School District
18 Keel Club Members
Total Raised \$230,740

Florida Gulf Coast University
15 Keel Club Members
8% Increase in Giving
Total Raised \$39,703

Bank of America
7 Keel Club Members
Total Raised \$38,001

Wachovia Bank
6 Keel Club Members
Total Raised \$35,420

Macy's
Total Raised \$31,988

City of Fort Myers
8 Keel Club Members
Total Raised \$30,463

EMBARQ
6 Keel Club Members
Total Raised \$28,967

'Tween Waters Inn
2 Keel Club Members
1 de Tocqueville Member
Total Raised \$28,772

Clerk of Courts
4 Keel Club Members
Total Raised \$28,276

Raymond James & Associates
1 de Tocqueville Member
3 Keel Club Members
Total Raised \$26,790

City of Cape Coral
4 Keel Club Members
Total Raised \$24,271

UPS Ground
2 Keel Club Members
Total Raised \$21,611

B&I Contractors, Inc.
1 de Tocqueville Member
1 Keel Club Member
134% Increase in Giving
Total Raised \$21,273

Sanibel Captiva Trust Co.
2 de Tocqueville Members
100% Increase in Giving
Total Raised \$21,200

GE Client Business Services
2 Keel Club Members
Total Raised \$18,579

Henderson Franklin
6 Keel Club Members
Total Raised \$18,570

Costco - Fort Myers
Total Raised \$17,875

Edison State College
6 Keel Club Members
64% Increase in Giving
Total Raised \$16,962

Wachovia Securities
1 de Tocqueville Member
2 Keel Club Members
Total Raised \$14,320

Johnson Engineering
6 Keel Club Members
Total Raised \$14,297

Wiltshire, Whitley,
Richardson & English PA
1 de Tocqueville Member
1 Keel Club Member
Total Raised \$12,663

Lee County Port Authority
82% Increase in Giving
Total Raised \$12,274

Pavese Law Firm
3 Keel Club Members
Total Raised \$12,223

Best Buy Lee County Stores
Total Raised \$10,963

Lee County Mosquito/Hyacinth
Control
2 Keel Club Members
9% Increase in Giving
Total Raised \$10,879

Nationwide Insurance
2 Keel Club Members
Total Raised \$10,873

Eye Centers of Florida
1 de Tocqueville Member
Total Raised \$10,175

Costco - Estero
Total Raised \$9,017

Insurance and Risk
Management Services
1 Keel Club Member
13% Increase in Giving
Total Raised \$8,976

Miller, Helms & Folk, PA
2 Keel Club Members
Total Raised \$8,665

AT&T Wireless
182% Increase in Giving
Total Raised \$8,296

2008-2009 CAMPAIGN RESULTS

Sony Electronics
4 Keel Club Members
313% Increase in Giving
Total Raised \$7,205

Dillard's - Coconut Pointe
First Time Campaign
1 Keel Club Member
Total Raised \$6,987

Fed Ex Express
6% Increase in Giving
Total Raised \$6,809

Waterman Broadcasting,
ABC-7 & NBC-2
2 Keel Club Members
Total Raised \$6,400

Regions Bank
2 Keel Club Members
Total Raised \$6,227

City of Sanibel
2 Keel Club Members
Total Raised \$5,941

Dillard's - Edison Mall
Total Raised \$5,809

Busey Bank
1 Keel Club Member
Total Raised \$5,107

Blue Cross/Blue Shield
Total Raised \$5,000

Hyatt Regency, Bonita Springs
Total Raised \$4,888

Hughes Snell & Co.
2 Keel Club Members
18% Increase in Giving
Total Raised \$4,505

Fowler White Boggs PA
3 Keel Club Members
Total Raised \$4,416

MIVA
1 Keel Club Member
Total Raised \$4,040

Belk - Fort Myers
First Time Campaign
Total Raised \$4,021

Hans Wilson & Associates
1 Keel Club Member
Total Raised \$3,042

South Florida Water
Management District
1 Keel Club Member
Total Raised \$3,026

Veritas
1 Keel Club Member
Total Raised \$3,000

City of Bonita Springs
1 Keel Club Member
Total Raised \$2,850

Kobie Kooling
Total Raised \$2,678

Panther Bank
1 Keel Club Member
Total Raised \$2,606

Brown and Brown Insurance
1 Keel Club Member
Total Raised \$2,601

Sanibel Captiva
Community Bank
Total Raised \$2,594

Belk - Cape Coral
First Time Campaign
Total Raised \$2,500

Stevens Construction
1 Keel Club Member
Total Raised \$2,500

First American Bank
1 Keel Club Member
First Time Campaign
Total Raised \$2,474

Leading Edge Financial Group
2 Keel Club Members
Total Raised \$2,404

Synovus Bank
1 Keel Club Member
First Time Campaign
Total Raised \$2,338

Southwest Florida College
1 Keel Club Member
Total Raised \$2,284

Lee County Elections
62% Increase in Giving
Total Raised \$2,215

Thompson Family Law Firm
1 Keel Club Member
Total Raised \$2,167

Wells Fargo
1 Keel Club Member
Total Raised \$2,042

Southwest Florida Regional
Planning Council
69% Increase in Giving
Total Raised \$1,981

Trane
Total Raised \$1,980

Bank United
Total Raised \$1,933

Walgreens
Total Raised \$1,769

HCA Florida
1 Keel Club Member
Total Raised \$1,735

Pacesetter companies were listed in the last newsletter. We apologize if your company or community was left out or was listed incorrectly. Please let us know if there are any corrections! Thank you!

2008-2009 CAMPAIGN RESULTS

Southwest Florida Community Foundation
387% Increase in Giving
Total Raised \$1,705

Hill, Barth & King
First Time Campaign
Total Raised \$1,690

Camp-Rigby Roofing
1 Keel Club Member
First Time Campaign
Total Raised \$1,676

Office Furniture USA
1 Keel Club Member
Total Raised \$1,620

M&I Private Bank
Total Raised \$1,607

General Motors Corporation
1 Keel Club Member
Total Raised \$1,548

Passarella and Associates
7% Increase in Giving
Total Raised \$1,548

Wright Construction
Total Raised \$1,196

Kohl's Store 1013
12% Increase in Giving
Total Raised \$1,189

Ron Jon Surf Shop
Total Raised \$1,185

Axiom Express
First Time Campaign
Total Raised \$1,147

Avalon Engineering
1 Keel Club Member
7% Increase in Giving
Total Raised \$1,140

Lehigh Regional Medical Center
75% Increase in Giving
Total Raised \$1,092

Hahn, Loeser & Parks
Total Raised \$1,012

Canterbury School
Total Raised \$1,006

COMMUNITIES

Bonita Bay Community
39 de Tocqueville Members
139 Keel Club Members
Total Raised \$886,000

Sanibel/Captiva
14 de Tocqueville Members
45 Keel Club Members
26% Increase in Giving
Total Raised \$261,375

The Brooks
4 de Tocqueville Members
62 Keel Club Members
Total Raised \$198,000

Mediterra Community
7 de Tocqueville Members
32 Keel Club Members
Total Raised \$180,000

Fiddlesticks Community
6 de Tocqueville Members
45 Keel Club Members
3% Increase in Giving
Total Raised \$171,535

Shell Point Village
3 de Tocqueville Members
17 Keel Club Members
Total Raised \$63,811

Verandah
17 Keel Club Members
35% Increase in Giving
Total Raised \$61,000

Pelican Landing
10 Keel Club Members
2% Increase in Giving
Total Raised \$31,498

Town & River
2 de Tocqueville Members
1 Keel Club Member
First Time Campaign
Total Raised \$27,270

The Landings
1 de Tocqueville Member
6 Keel Club Members
8% Increase in Giving
Total Raised \$23,668

West Bay Club
2 Keel Club Members
First Time Campaign
Total Raised \$5,750

Pelican Preserve
1 Keel Club Member
7% Increase in Giving
Total Raised \$5,115

Cypress Cove
2 Keel Club Members
Total Raised \$4,200

Laguna Lakes
2 Keel Club Members
118% Increase in Giving
Total Raised \$3,602

Parker Lakes
1 Keel Club Member
First Time Campaign
Total Raised \$1,665

Foxmoor
1 Keel Club Member
11 % Increase in Giving
Total Raised \$1,370

Sandoval
2 Keel Club Members
First Time Campaign
Total Raised \$2,300

Worthington
Total Raised \$1,150

2008-2009 CAMPAIGN RESULTS

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COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

Lee, Hendry, Glades,
Charlotte, and Collier

US Postal Service
9 Keel Club Members
Total Raised \$119,263

Transportation Security
Administration
3 Keel Club Members
39% Increase in Giving
Total Raised \$18,547

Veterans Affairs
2 Keel Club Members
Total Raised \$11,295

Social Security Administration
1 Keel Club Member
Total Raised \$5,902

US Attorney's Office
1 Keel Club Member
Total Raised \$4,810

Internal Revenue Service
Total Raised \$1,747

Office of Congressman
Connie Mack
1 Keel Club Member
Total Raised \$1,008

FLORIDA STATE EMPLOYEES' CHARITABLE CAMPAIGN

Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Charlotte

Department of Health
1 Keel Club Member
Total Raised \$13,462

Department of Corrections
Total Raised \$10,892

Agency for Persons with
Disabilities
1 Keel Club Member
Total Raised \$10,873

Department of Children and
Families
2 Keel Club Members
Total Raised \$10,331

Department of Environmental
Protection
1 Keel Club Member
Total Raised \$7,273

Agency for Workforce
Innovation
1 Keel Club Member
Total Raised \$6,858

Justice Administrative
Commission
Total Raised \$4,684

Department of Revenue
Total Raised \$4,469

Department of Law
Enforcement
60% Increase in Giving
Total Raised \$3,245

Agency for Health Care
Administration
Total Raised \$3,101

Auditor General
1 Keel Club Member
11% Increase in Giving
Total Raised \$2,376

Department of Transportation
Total Raised \$1,630

Department of Juvenile Justice
14% Increase in Giving
Total Raised \$1,423

Highway Safety and Motor
Vehicles
1 Keel Club Member
First Time Campaign
Total Raised \$1,120

Department of Management
Services
1 Keel Club Member
Total Raised \$1,000

PARTNER AGENCIES

Hope Hospice
1 de Tocqueville Member
Total Raised \$11,108

LARC
2 Keel Club Members
Total Raised \$7,417

Child Care of Southwest Florida
2 Keel Club Members
Total Raised \$7,214

Hendry Glades Behavioral
Health
16% Increase in Giving
Total Raised \$3,047

American Red Cross of
Lee County
1 Keel Club Member
Total Raised \$2,683

The Salvation Army
Total Raised \$2,523

Pace Center for Girls
1 Keel Club Member
78% Increase in Giving
Total Raised \$2,211

Café of Life
1 Keel Club Member
Total Raised \$2,000

Catholic Charities
Total Raised \$1,701

Quality Life Center
206% Increase in Giving
Total Raised \$1,230

Harlem Heights Improvement
Association
50% Increase in Giving
Total Raised \$1,000

Communities Having Fun Fundraising



Communities had fun raising money for the 2008-2009 Campaign through golf outings, wine and cheese parties and an imaginative series of themed dinners called "A Little Night Madness" at Verandah. All together communities raised over \$1,930,560.

Clockwise from the left are: Sue and Jack Rogers of Fiddlesticks at the Fiddlesticks United Way Thank You Golf Tournament; Carol and Jamie Jameson of Verandah at a South Pacific Themed Party; and the Brooks Campaign Chairs Alice and Dean Fjelstul in their "Live United" t-shirts at the Brooks Kick-Off.



Companies & Agencies Making a Difference



Cookouts, bake sales, blind tastings, and sumo wrestling were popular fundraising activities at many companies and agencies.

Clockwise from the top left are: United Way Board Member Cora Molloy and Roger Swanson of Henderson Franklin at their United Way cookout; Pam Donelson of the Florida Department of Corrections and other department employees had a fun contest guessing what tasty (or less than tasty) items were on their plates; Board Member Rob Wilson and fellow employees from Enterprise Rent A Car volunteered at Community Cooperative Ministries; B & I Contractors employees wrestle for United Way.



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Estero-San Carlos United Way House



The Estero-San Carlos United Way House, run by Interfaith Caregivers of South Lee, moved to a new location and larger facility in February. Shown above are staff and volunteers celebrating the event.

NEED HELP? DIAL 211

Free, 24-Hour, Non-Emergency Helpline

UNITED WAY 211 is a confidential Helpline for access to health and social services within Lee, Hendry and Glades Counties. United Way 211 helps people connect to community resources that meet the client's situation.

Types of information and referrals include:

- Housing
- Legal Services
- Food
- Child Care
- Employment
- Medical
- AND MORE

To access dial 211,
or 239-433-3900 in Lee County,
and 863-675-8383 in Hendry and Glades Counties

WANT TO HELP?

The United Way Volunteer Center connects individuals and companies to volunteer opportunities throughout our community. Just dial 211!
www.unitedwaylee.org



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