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United Way funding supports programs working with children and their parents/guardians/caregivers to ensure appropriate development in: health and physical well-being, social & emotional development, language and general knowledge, and provide supportive environments for children to ensure they are ready for school.

COMMUNITY IMPACT BEYOND GRANT FUNDING

COATS FOR KIDS AT CHRISTMAS Community coat drive for children held October to December. Collected and distributed over 2,000 coats in 2018.

COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS Impact the community by educating local leadership & community-minded supporters about the United Way. Volunteers improve their professional skills such as organization, project planning, time management, team building, and public speaking while planning and implementing the annual campaign. Minimum commitment is July to December.

CRAM THE VAN School Supply Drive School supplies are collected at local merchants each Saturday in July. Donated items fill vans parked at participating stores & are distributed to community partners & county schools.

DAYS OF CARING United Way mobilizes volunteers in Sept. in a celebration of giving through service with projects at local schools, parks & nonprofits in our community. In 2018, 841 volunteers from 69 companies completed 62 projects and donated over 3,600 hours of service: a total value of $84,268 in service for our community.

26th Annual Days of Caring: Sept 13 - 20, 2019

FEED THE NEED Special food packaging program which volunteers prepare 100,000 meals for local food pantries. Volunteers donated over 1,250 hours of service, a total value of $28,848.

PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM A longtime partner of United Way, working with nearly 1,000 local United Ways dedicated helping improve the health & well-being of individuals, families & communities. In 2017, this program helped 8,729 people in Okaloosa County save $231,378. In Walton County, 1,511 people saved $32,509.

ReadingPALS Connects volunteers with preschoolers helps get them ready for kindergarten through mentorship reading program.

STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE Held the second Saturday of May & organized by the US Postal Services and United Way. Food donations are collected by Letter Carriers as they complete their mail routes. In 2019, 150,213 pounds was collected and distributed locally to participating food banks.

VITA An IRS community initiative led by United Way of Okaloosa & Walton Counties to provide free income tax preparation to people with low to moderate income, persons with disabilities, elderly & limited English speaking taxpayers who need assistance with their tax returns.

WOMEN UNITED A group of diverse, vibrant volunteers who are “leading the charge and inspiring change” by empowering each other to bring inspired ideas, personal passions, expertise and resources together to get things done: to make a lasting impact in our communities. ReadingPALS will be their first project.

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