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Because Community Matters!

Celebrating Success and Envisioning Change



Deron O'Connor
2006 President

I am proud to announce the 2006 United Way of Ellis County campaign has reported a record-breaking year. These results provide positive proof the campaign theme, "Because Community Matters," reflects the heart, vision and generosity of the donor individuals and businesses in our community.

The community response has been exceptional and is reflective of the outstanding kindness of the Ellis County community. The tremendous accomplishments of this past

year's campaign would not have been realized without the dedication of our 2006 Campaign Chair, Daron Jamison, the campaign division leaders, and the United Way of Ellis County staff.

These are exhilarating times for the United Way of Ellis County as we continue to transform the agency into a more proactive model. The United Way of Ellis County will continue to support its member agencies and their programs as we have in the past. However, the United Way of Ellis County will also

be looking beyond current programming to address emerging needs in our community.

The Community Impact Task Force will soon be completing its work and determining the direction of the United Way of Ellis County's community impact initiatives. By working in a proactive manner, we can strive to achieve a change in patterns of behavior in order to have the greatest effect.

Much as a doctor would treat the underlying illness rather than just the outward symptoms, the

United Way of Ellis County will be working with community members, social service agencies, and area businesses to address the causes and provide a prescription of preventative education, training, and community services.

In closing, I would like to personally thank the donors for their generosity in 2006. I am looking forward to the challenges and rewards to be realized in 2007.

Community Reponse Grants Make an Impact

Your support of the United Way of Ellis County puts you on the forefront of addressing emerging needs in our community. Dollars raised above the campaign goal are returned to community organizations in Community Response Grants. These grants can fund either new programs that fill a gap in our current community resources or allow an agency to expand its program in response to community needs.

In 2006, the United Way of Ellis County awarded \$26,260 to area

organizations through Community Response Grants.

The Food for Thought Program received a grant of \$2,700. Administered through Hays Head Start, the program will ensure that 10 families with chronically hungry children will have food over the weekend and during school breaks. This program is designed to meet the needs of hungry children at times when other resources are not available. The program currently serves 25 total children.

Current statistics

indicate that 930 families in Ellis County are food insecure. For these families, the ability to acquire food, in socially acceptable ways, is limited or uncertain.

In 27% of these families, there are children under 18 years of age and five percent of these families are headed by a single parent.

The Center on Hunger and Poverty reports that "hungry children, even those who experience only mild malnutrition during the critical states of their development, may suffer

irreparable harm. They have a harder time learning in school, have shorter attention spans and suffer more absences due to illness".

Hays Head Start was awarded \$4,880 to host a Health Care Institute. This program benefits the community by training parents to use a medical resource guide in order to properly treat their children for illnesses. The program has shown a reduction in missed days of work for parents, a reduction in medical

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Top 10 Donors in 2006

in alphabetical order.

*Eagle Communications, Inc.

*EnerSys

*Fort Hays State University

*Hays Medical Center

*Midwest Energy

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*Sunflower Bank

*Sunflower Electric Power Corporation

*USD 489

*Wal-Mart

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A Message from Daron Jamison, 2006 Campaign Chair

The 2006 United Way of Ellis County Campaign was truly one to remember. The United Way raised a record setting \$432,181.89, surpassing our goal by 11%.

I believe this campaign proves that the citizens of Ellis County truly understand the importance of community and the need to build a solid foundation for the future.



Our citizens understand that by helping each other, we collectively lift up all members of the community, and bring hope and direction to those in need.

The credit for the success of this year's

campaign goes to all the Division Chairs who worked tirelessly making contacts and organizing their efforts. They were truly remarkable. Secondly, Sue Rouse and Heather Sramek from the United Way deserve accolades and acknowledgement for keeping the process organized and moving forward. My hat goes off to them and the Division Chairs. On behalf of the Ellis County community,

thank you. It was an honor to serve as the Chairman for this year's campaign. Thank you to every member of the community who supported our efforts. You have proven to me that you understand that *Community Matters*.

2006 Campaign Division Chairs

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The United Way of Ellis County recognizes the following companies and departments as Gold Award Winners. These organizations conducted an employee campaign with a minimum contribution of \$500 with either 100% employee participation or an average gift of \$25 per employee.

Major Employers	<i>Vice President for Student Affairs Office</i>	Warehouse, Inc.
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City Manager's Office	City Clerk's Office	Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball
Convention and Visitor's Bureau	Fire and Inspection	Bank of America
Police Department	Public Works	Bank of Hays
Eagle Communications, Inc.	Ellis County Attorney	Brungardt Hower Ward Elliott and Pfeifer
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Fort Hays State University	Accounting and Information Systems Department	DaMar Resources
Art Department	Athletics	Edward Jones
Biological Sciences Department	Budget and Planning Office	Dean Ellner Realtors
Center for Teaching Excellence and Learning Technology	Chemistry Department	Ellis County Coalition for Economic Development
Communication and Telecommunications Center	Communication Disorders Department	Ellis State Bank
Communication Studies Department	Docking Institute of Public Affairs	Emprise Bank
Educational Administration and Counseling Department	Forsyth Library	First Baptist Church
Geosciences Department	Health and Human Performance Department	First National Bank
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Nursing Department	Office of Strategic Partnerships	Hays Orthopaedic Clinic
Office of Strategic Partnerships	Political Science Department	James Motor Company
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Student Health Center	Student Residential Life	Meckenstock Group/Main Street Securities
Vice President for Administration and Finance Office		Northwestern Printers

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- Midwest Energy, Inc.
- Nex-Tech
- Northwestern Printers
- Pepsi
- Sunflower Electric Power Corporation
- Wal-Mart

2006 Profit and Loss Statement (unaudited)

Income	
Net Pledge Income.....	398,573.47
Interest Income.....	6558.79
In Kind.....	5480.00
Total Income.....	\$410,612.26
Expenses	
Administration.....	71,152.57
Program.....	287,237.85
Fund-raising.....	14,867.72
United Way of America dues.....	3,836.97
Depreciation.....	3,618.22
Total Expense.....	\$380,713.33
Net Income.....	\$29,898.93

2007 Agency Allocations

First Call for Help.....	48,000.00
Cancer Council of Ellis County.....	20,000.00
NK Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, Inc.....	8,220.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ellis County.....	25,220.00
Kansas Legal Services.....	7,220.00
Ellis County Ministerial Alliance.....	12,220.00
Hays Area Children's Center.....	35,000.00
WKACD.....	18,000.00
United Cerebral Palsy of Kansas.....	7,000.00
Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas.....	17,220.00
CASA of the High Plains.....	13,500.00
Catholic Charities.....	10,000.00
Girl Scouts of the Sunflower Council.....	8,000.00
Ellis County Chapter of the American Red Cross.....	26,000.00
Parents and Children Together.....	4,400.00
Subtotal	\$260,000.00

2007 Member Agencies

- American Red Cross, Ellis County Chapter
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ellis County
- Cancer Council of Ellis County
- Catholic Charities, Outreach - Hays
- Court Appointed Special Advocates of the High Plains
- Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas
- Ellis County Ministerial Alliance
- First Call for Help
- Girl Scouts of the Sunflower Council
- Hays Area Children's Center
- Kansas Legal Services
- Northwest KS Domestic and Sexual Violence Services
- Parents and Children Together
- United Cerebral Palsy of Kansas
- Western KS Association on Concerns of the Disabled

Community Response Grants

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costs through Medicaid/private insurance, and an improvement in availability of medical staff due to a reduction in unnecessary visits.

The United Way of Ellis County awarded a \$6,000 grant to DREAM, Inc. This grant will fund, in part, a partnership between DREAM and Fort Hays State University to offer the specific and specialized training required by addiction counselors. This program will address the need for additional counselors with a higher level of professional competency as well as provide the best services for the addict in Ellis County.

In 2003, legislation went into effect that requires the courts to require mandatory treatment for drug offenders rather than incarceration. The law also requires programs to offer one or more treatment options in the continuum of services needed to reach recovery. This law has put a strain on the current treatment programs available in Ellis County.

In addition to a growing client load, data from the Kansas Addiction Treatment Workforce Development Survey indicates that the average age of counselors is 48 while the average age of the client is 33. Many of the counselors are poised for retirement.

The Ellis County Ministerial Alliance was granted \$8,000 to assist participants in the Education and Prevention Program through First Call for Help. The Education and Prevention Program is designed to help those clients who need to make

long-term changes. This program enables clients to get past the immediate financial barriers they are facing in order to deal with other problems that need to be addressed, such as employment, housing, budgeting, etc.

A Community Response Grant of \$1,000 to the Immaculate Heart of Mary CYO provided support to the Lakita Garth "There is no such thing as safe sex" program presented to high school and university students.

Sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) remain a major public health challenge in the United States. The CDC estimates that 19 million new infections occur each year, almost half of them among young people ages 15 to 24. In addition to the physical and psychological consequences of STDs, these diseases also exact a tremendous economic toll. Direct medical costs associated with STDs in the United States are estimated at \$13 billion annually.

Ellis County follows this national trend. From January to June of 2006, 33 cases of Chlamydia and Gonorrhea were report in Ellis County. Those aged 15 to 24 accounted for 77% of the cases of Chlamydia and 61% of the cases of gonorrhea. Although treatable, these diseases can cause infertility and sterility.

The surest way to avoid transmission of STDs is to not have sexual contact or to be in a long-term mutually monogamous relationship with a partner who has been tested and is not infected.

Two grants totaling \$3,600 will support the programs offered by Cross Road Pregnancy Care Center to help young people make better decisions about their sexual activity. In the "Earn While You Learn" program, young moms and dad can earn items such as maternity clothing, bottles, diapers, cribs, etc. through the completion of classes offered through the center.

United Way of Ellis County Memorial/Honorary Tribute Fund

Please accept this memorial/honorary tribute gift of \$ _____

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 _____ Happy Birthday _____ Get Well
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