



ANNUAL REPORT

2023

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1928 - 2023

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Celebrating 95 Years 1928- 2023

United Way of Fort Smith Area Celebrates 95th Anniversary

In 1928, community leaders formed an organization called the Community Chest to raise and distribute funds for needed services in Fort Smith. Over the years, the name changed to United Way of Fort Smith Area. In ninety-five years, generous donors have provided more than \$88,815,000 to support health and human services within our area.

In December 1990, the United Way Board of Directors formed an endowment fund. The purpose of the United Way of Fort Smith Area, Inc. Endowment is to provide perpetual assistance to the United Way Service Center. Mr. Rollie Boreham supported the Endowment with his leadership and generous donations. He wanted the United Way Service Center to be fully funded by the earnings of the Endowment. In 2010, his dream became a reality. The Endowment had grown to an amount that could sustain the operations of the United Way Service Center, making it possible to allocate 100% of donations received throughout the annual campaign to United Way Partner Agencies and Initiatives.

Today, the United Way of Fort Smith Area provides vital funding to 31 non-profit agencies in our six-county service area, which includes Crawford, Franklin, Logan, and Sebastian counties in Arkansas and LeFlore and Sequoyah counties in Oklahoma.





A Message From Our Board Chair

Mike Barr
President
WeatherBarr Windows & Doors

I have been very pleased to serve with the United Way of Fort Smith Area for the last few years. As a third-generation family business, WeatherBarr has always made giving back to our community a priority and we are proud that our team members continue to step up and support the United Way.

The work of United Way of Fort Smith Area is vital to the health of our communities. The monies raised for our partner agencies help them support individuals and families with innovative programs targeting key areas of community needs: Health, Education, Financial Stability, and Crisis. These agencies use these funds to impact countless people in our six-county area. We all know families that have been touched by a United Way agency and those touch points help stabilize families and improve our neighbors' lives.

The 2023 campaign was a very successful one with our total community impact totaling \$xxxxxxx. Through the vision of key community leaders, the United Way Endowment Fund ensures that 100 percent of all funds raised are distributed to our agencies, so they can go right back into our communities to help those in need.

The impact on our communities does not stop with our agencies. The United Way of Fort Smith Area is very proud of our community impact initiatives. 2023 marked the 30th annual Day of Caring, which brought out more than 900 volunteers on a single day to tackle projects for our partner agencies. The Fill the Bus program gathered more 55,000 packages of school supplies for students that are in need. The United Way Golf Classic raised an additional \$100,000 for our partners. The partnership with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library puts books and early learning materials in the hands of more than 5,500 children, helping those families build enduring reading skills.

We should all be very proud of the work of United Way and our partner agencies. They are working tirelessly to make our communities a better place. It would not be possible without the great United Way team, all of our donors, and all of the volunteers for United Way and our partners. Let's make 2024 an even better year!

Michael Barr
United Way of Fort Smith Board Chair, 2023



A Message From Our President & CEO

Shea Foldvary
President & CEO
United Way of Fort Smith Area

Celebrating 95 years in 2023, United Way has remained committed in its dedication to addressing the needs of individuals and families throughout Western Arkansas and Eastern Oklahoma. By creating impactful solutions within the areas of Health, Education, Financial Stability, and Crisis Support Services, United Way strives to enhance lives and foster a healthier community. This is made possible through the unwavering commitment of local business leaders, donors, advocates, and volunteers who generously invest their time and resources into advancing the mission of United Way.

This year's annual report provides a summary of United Way's work in 2023. Events such as the Day of Caring, which hosted over 800 volunteers in completing 101 service projects, initiatives like Fill the Bus that provided over 50,000 school supplies to local children across our area, and the 4th Annual United Way Classic, which raised \$100,000 for partner agencies of United Way are just some of the work highlighted throughout the annual report. Collectively, these programs and initiatives exemplify the efforts of United Way each year, and when combined with our annual fundraising campaign, United Way's community-wide impact exceeded \$2.397 million in 2023. That impact shows the power and strength of our community to care for one another.

As we begin our 96th year, the work of United Way has never been more important. We will continue to expand upon the opportunities we have to create positive change and remain committed to the well-being of our community. I am grateful for the opportunity to lead our United Way alongside a strong community of supporters and a hardworking, talented team that is dedicated to ensuring needs are met throughout the six-counties we serve. On behalf of our staff, Board of Directors, partner agencies, and individuals served, I want to say Thank You to all those who have invested their time and resources to advance the mission of United Way. Your partnership is critical to the over 200,000 individuals served each year.

Shea Foldvary
President & CEO
United Way of Fort Smith Area

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UNITED WAY OF FORT SMITH AREA, INC.

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022 WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2021

	Without Donor Restrictions				With Donor Restrictions				2022 Total	2021 Total
	Operating	Board Designations	Board Endowments	Total	Campaign & Other Designations	Endowments	100 Families	Total		
Assets										
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 554,228	\$ 504,528	\$ -	\$ 1,058,756	\$ 323,889	\$ -	\$ 35,155	\$ 359,044	\$ 1,417,800	\$ 1,409,709
Certificates of deposit	-	294,982	-	294,982	-	-	-	-	294,982	294,713
Accounts receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	87,158	87,158	87,158	118,043
Pledges receivable:										
Campaign year 2019-20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	74,642
less provision for uncollectible pledges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(74,642)
Campaign year 2020-21	-	-	-	-	60,118	-	-	60,118	60,118	169,087
less provision for uncollectible pledges	-	-	-	-	(60,118)	-	-	(60,118)	(60,118)	(85,247)
Campaign year 2021-22	-	-	-	-	178,269	-	-	178,269	178,269	231,669
less provision for uncollectible pledges	-	-	-	-	(92,488)	-	-	(92,488)	(92,488)	(33,543)
Campaign year 2022-23	-	-	-	-	317,758	-	-	317,758	317,758	-
less provision for uncollectible pledges	-	-	-	-	(38,108)	-	-	(38,108)	(38,108)	-
Prepaid expenses	1,807	-	-	1,807	-	-	-	-	1,807	1,775
Investments	-	-	3,413,932	3,413,932	-	5,773,069	-	5,773,069	9,187,001	11,172,974
Land	42,146	-	-	42,146	-	-	-	-	42,146	42,146
Building and improvements	359,937	-	-	359,937	-	-	-	-	359,937	359,937
Equipment and furniture	122,582	-	-	122,582	-	-	-	-	122,582	122,582
Less accumulated depreciation	(136,100)	-	-	(136,100)	-	-	-	-	(136,100)	(119,949)
Total Assets	\$ 944,600	\$ 799,510	\$ 3,413,932	\$ 5,158,042	\$ 689,320	\$ 5,773,069	\$ 122,313	\$ 6,584,702	\$ 11,742,744	\$ 13,683,896
Liabilities and Net Assets										
Liabilities										
Accounts payable	\$ 1,231	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,231	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,231	\$ 1,030
Accrued compensation	24,971	-	-	24,971	-	-	-	-	24,971	33,138
Accrued dues	30,053	-	-	30,053	-	-	-	-	30,053	29,173
Amounts designated to agencies	(92,303)	-	-	(92,303)	212,511	-	-	212,511	120,208	212,511
Total Liabilities	(36,048)	-	-	(36,048)	212,511	-	-	212,511	176,463	275,852
Net Assets										
Without donor restrictions	980,648	799,510	3,413,932	5,194,090	-	-	-	-	5,194,090	7,052,977
With donor restrictions	-	-	-	-	476,809	5,773,069	122,313	6,372,191	6,372,191	6,355,067
Total Net Assets	980,648	799,510	3,413,932	5,194,090	476,809	5,773,069	122,313	6,372,191	11,566,281	13,408,044
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 944,600	\$ 799,510	\$ 3,413,932	\$ 5,158,042	\$ 689,320	\$ 5,773,069	\$ 122,313	\$ 6,584,702	\$ 11,742,744	\$ 13,683,896

The United Way of Fort Smith Area is unwavering in its commitment to the efficient and effective use of its resources, ensuring that every dollar raised is maximized for community benefit. Our goal is to invest in programs that enhance health, education, financial stability, and crisis response. We continue to give back 100% of the campaign funds to our community each year.

Sources of contributions and pledges to the 2023 United Way Campaign

Employee Gift

46 %

Corporate Gifts

42 %

Employee Special Events

8 %

Individual Gifts

4 %

Agency Impact

United Way conducts its annual community investment process to decide how campaign funds will be distributed among its 31 Community Partner Agencies and Impact Initiatives. The community investment panel comprises United Way Board Members and other area volunteers. Panels review packets submitted by the agency; these include the organizations' histories, budgets, and other key information. Panels tour their assigned agencies and interview each staff member and board member.

The panel then makes a recommendation to the community investment chair. After all recommendations are made, the community investment panel chairs meet to finalize and vote upon funding for the community Partner Agencies and Impact Initiatives.

2022/2023 Agency Impact

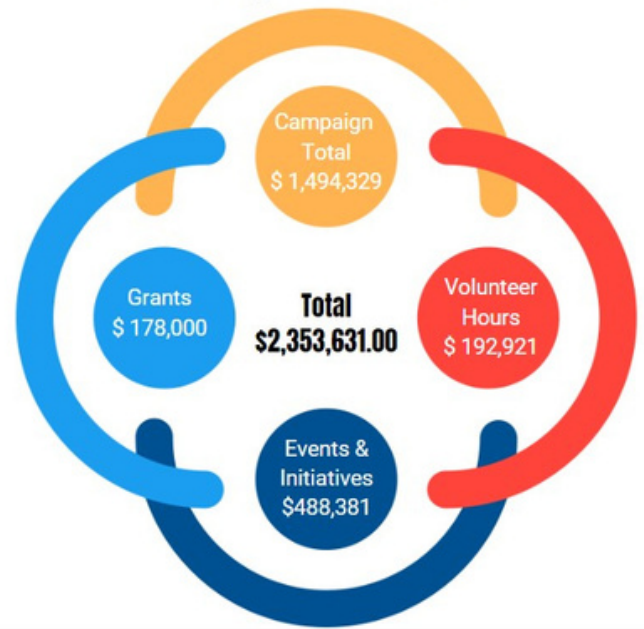
<u>Community Partner/Initiative</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Abilities Unlimited	\$ 23,000.00	1%
The ARC of River Valley	\$ 31,300.00	18%
Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund (Region 9)	\$ 12,500.00	3%
Boys & Girls Club of the Diamond Hills	\$ 60,000.00	5%
Boys & Girls Club of LeFlore County	\$ 24,000.00	12%
Boys & Girls Club of Sequoyah County	\$ 17,000.00	5%
Boys & Girls Club of South Logan County	\$ 31,300.00	7%
Boys & Girls Club of Van Buren	\$ 50,000.00	7%
Boy Scouts	\$ 20,000.00	1%
Center for Arkansas Legal Services	\$ 4,000.00	1%
Community Dental Clinic	\$ 40,000.00	24%
Community Service Clearinghouse	\$ 175,000.00	33%
Crawford County Senior Citizens	\$ 25,000.00	3%
Crisis Intervention Center	\$ 61,000.00	7%
Fort Smith Boys & Girls Club	\$ 190,000.00	14%
Fort Smith Boys Home	\$ 49,184.00	8%
Girls, Inc.	\$ 104,000.00	25%
Girl Scouts-Diamonds of AR, OK & TX	\$ 22,000.00	0%
Girls' Shelter	\$ 37,312.00	16%
Harbor & Gateway Recovery Centers	\$ 46,640.00	1%
Lincoln Childcare	\$ 95,400.00	11%
Literacy Council of Western Arkansas	\$ 26,500.00	49%
Next Step Homeless Services	\$ 53,000.00	10%
Ozark Area Youth Organization	\$ 12,000.00	9%
Parents As Teachers	\$ 20,000.00	45%
Project Compassion	\$ 23,500.00	17%
River Valley Regional Food Bank	\$ 15,000.00	0%
Salvation Army	\$ 30,000.00	3%
Sebastian Retired Citizens Association	\$ 36,000.00	2%
South Sebastian County Boys & Girls Club	\$ 19,200.00	7%
Stepping Stone School	\$ 23,000.00	0%
United Way Programs & Initiatives (DOC, DPIL, STB & WLC)	\$ 52,147	
Shrinkage	\$ 91,020	
Total	\$ 1,520,003	

Community Impact and Investment Celebration

The United Way of Fort Smith Area's Community Impact and Investment Celebration occurred at Peak Innovation Center on March 28th.

The celebration showcased the programs and initiatives from the past year and recognized the contributions of its donors, volunteers, and community partners. The event wrapped up the 2022 fundraising campaign and highlighted the impact and community investment the campaign provided.

2022 Community Impact Total



2022/2023 Award Title and Recipient

- Rookie of the Year Award** - Adrienne Mahar
- Live United Award** - Carco
- Most Resourceful Campaign Award** - Greenwood School District
- Excellence in Community Leadership Award** - Arvest Bank
- Professional Services Award** - BHC Insurance
- Live United Award** - Hanna Oil & Gas
- Spirit of the Community Award** - Citizens Bank & Trust
- Humble Hero Award** - Jeanne Carroll
- Mission Possible Award** - WeatherBarr Windows & Doors
- Strengthening Our Community Award** - BHC Insurance
- Spirit of the Community Award** - Mercy
- United Way Hall of Fame Award** - Landmark CPAs
- Mission Possible Award** - Arkansas Colleges of Health Education
- Spirit of the Community Award** - Rheem
- Community Impact Leader Award** - ArcBest
- Live United Award** - Cadence Bank
- Game Changer of the Year Award** - Oklahoma Gas & Electric
- Excellence in Community Leadership Award** - Propak
- Excellence in Education Award** - Fort Smith Public Schools
- Honor's Club Award** - Firststar Bank
- Community Impact Leader Award** - KFSM 5NEWS
- Finance and Banking Award** - First National Bank of Fort Smith
- Manufacturing Award** - Weldon, Williams & Lick, Inc.
- Commitment to Excellence Award** - ABB
- Chairman's Award** - ArcBest

Top 20 Campaigns In Order Of Total Giving

- ArcBest
- ABB
- First National Bank of Fort Smith
- Arvest Bank - Fort Smith
- Oklahoma Gas & Electric
- Mercy
- Fort Smith Public Schools
- Weldon, Williams & Lick
- WeatherBarr Windows & Doors
- BHC Insurance
- Rheem
- Firststar Bank
- Arkansas Colleges of Health Education
- Greenwood School District
- Carco
- Landmark CPAs
- Citizens Bank & Trust
- Hanna Oil & Gas
- Propak
- McDonald's

Community Impact and Investment Volunteers

We strive to create permanent and positive change in our communities every day, but we can't do it alone. Donations to our annual fundraising campaign significantly impact our Community Partner Agencies. These funds provide them with the necessary funds to carry out their mission and support their programs.

The Community Impact and Investment panel volunteers work hard to ensure that the funds donated to the United Way of Fort Smith Area are allocated appropriately. Each panel includes a member of the United Way Board of Directors. It is not an easy task, and we appreciate them so much!

2023 Community Impact and Investment Volunteers

Panel 1:

Chair - J.R. Jones - First Western Bank
Board Member - Susan Devero - ACHE
Board Member - Dr. Ken Warden - UAFS
Tanya Franklin - ArcBest
Jennifer Caldwell - Arvest Bank
Stacie Smith - Summit Utilities
Amber Kitchen - Simmons Bank

Panel 2:

Chair - Lance Smith - Firststar Bank
Johnny McKusker - ABB
Roger Holroyd - Arvest Bank
Jonny Evans - Mercer Wealth Management
Marla Scales - ArcBest
Nathan Percy - ArcBest

Panel 3:

Chair - Kristen Carroll - Arvest Bank
Eric Burnett - Northside High School
Amy Fore - Mercy
Kristi Martin - Landmark CPA's
Trace Andres - Arvest Bank
Ashlie Ross - WAPDD

Panel 4:

Chair - Cathy Creekmore - Harry Robinson Buick GMC
Robert Herrera - First Western Bank
Kim Linam - Cuarzo Health Capital
Jake Shibley - Simmons Bank
Alicia Agent - Baptist Health
Lindsey Trantham - ARCOM

Panel 5:

Chair - Christy Williams - UAFS
Suzy Wilson - Greenwood Public Schools
Chance Locklear - Mowery & Schoenfeld, LLC
Casey Brown - Shelter Insurance
Tina Ward - Citizens Bank & Trust
Pam Thames - AOG

Panel 6:

Chair - Russell Johnson - Citizens Bank & Trust
Dr. Gary Udouj - FSPS - Peak Innovation Center
Matt Marshall - First National Bank
Barbara Hambrick - Landmark CPA's
Garrett Houck - Summit Utilities
Candice Dunn - Regions Bank

Panel 7:

Chair - Stephanie London - UAFS
Chief Jamie Hammond - Van Buren Police Dept.
Dr. Terisa Riley - UAFS
Katie Lejong - Landmark CPA's
Alex Sanchez - Arvest Bank
Brad Martin - Citizens Bank & Trust
Lance Lanier - Citizens Bank & Trust

Panel 8:

Chair - Christina Williams - Christine Williams Consulting
Dalton Person - Jones, Jackson & Moll
Chad McReynolds - Cherokee Casino & Hotel - Roland
Becky Stout - Edward Jones
Ethan Gammill - State Farm
RC Sims - Community Volunteer

Panel 9:

Chair - William Ricks - First National Bank
Phillip Blackburn - First Presbyterian Church - Fort Smith
Dennis Anderson - ArcBest
Donna Brandt - Community Volunteer
Scott Clark - BHC Insurance
Kim Baker - Citizens Bank & Trust

2023 Campaign Kick-Off Celebration

The United Way of Fort Smith Area hosted its 2023 Campaign Kickoff Breakfast on September 21st from 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. at Peak Innovation Center, 5900 Painter Lane in Fort Smith.

With the 2023 campaign, United Way of Fort Smith Area celebrated its 95th year in the community. The organization began in 1928 as the "Community Chest" with a mission to raise and distribute funds for much-needed services in the Fort Smith area. In those ninety-five years, they have raised almost ninety million dollars for the community. In 1928, there were thirteen United Way Community Partner agencies; in 2023, there were thirty-one.

As part of the celebration, guests enjoyed a delicious breakfast and a panel discussion led by Dr. Terisa Riley, Chancellor at the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith. The panel included leaders from United Way Community Partner Agencies.



Leadership Giving

Our leadership contributors are the foundation of our United Way campaign. A United Way leadership contributor helps shape our community's future and sets a powerful example that others follow. Individuals participating at a leadership-giving level are philanthropic leaders whose wholehearted generosity supports the Fort Smith area's health and human service needs. True leaders come from all walks of life. They can be plumbers, teachers, retirees, or executives. What unifies these diverse leaders is their shared commitment to lead by example through gifts of financial resources, time, or talent.

Leadership Giving Levels:

Tocqueville Society \$ 10,000 or more

Cornerstone \$ 2,500 to \$9,999

Pillar \$ 1,000 to \$2,499

Foundation Club \$ 500 to \$999

Women United members are women who contribute \$1,000 individually or \$1,500 when combined with their spouse.

UNITED WAY ENDOWMENT

Giving to the United Way of Fort Smith Area's Endowment is another way donors can support the organization. United Way's long-term goal is to continue to have its service center and all operating costs fully funded by the endowment revenue. This enables 100% of all campaign dollars to be invested in our community through the allocation process, community impact, and initiatives. A committee oversees United Way's Endowment and reports to the United Way Board of Directors.

2023 Endowment Committee

Les Smith - Arkansas Colleges of Health Education - Committee Chair

Barbara Hambrick - Landmark CPAs

Blair Parnell - BancorpSouth

Sam Sicard - First National Bank of Fort Smith

Roy Slagle - Community Volunteer

Benny Westphal - Riverfront Exploration Westphal Corp.

United Way Events and Initiatives

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

In 2023, the United Way of Fort Smith Area continued to champion early childhood literacy through its partnership with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library becoming the local affiliate for the program in LeFlore and Sequoyah counties in Oklahoma. This program, which is a part of the global initiative spearheaded by the legendary country singer, aims to foster a love for reading among children from birth to five years old by providing them with free, high-quality books each month. The initiative is designed to ensure that every child, regardless of their family's income, has access to a personal library of books that can spark their imagination and lay the foundation for lifelong learning.

The impact of the Imagination Library in the Fort Smith area has been profound. By 2023, the program had successfully distributed thousands of books to young children, creating opportunities for parents and caregivers to engage in meaningful reading activities with their little ones. This not only promotes literacy but also strengthens family bonds and prepares children for academic success. The United Way of Fort Smith Area, through its dedicated efforts and local partnerships, has been instrumental in expanding the reach of this program. The collaboration with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a testament to the power of community-driven initiatives in making a tangible difference in the lives of children and their families.

Power of the Purse

United Way of Fort Smith Area proudly hosted the 18th annual Power of the Purse to benefit Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. The sold-out event was on October 25th from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at The Bakery District, 70 S. 7th St in Fort Smith.

The event was a resounding success and featured guest speaker, Jordyn Wieber, Olympic Gold Medalist and Head Coach of Arkansas Gymnastics. A member of the "Fierce Five" United States squad that won team gold at the 2012 Olympics, Wieber was a two-time U.S. all-around champion (2011 and 2012) and the 2011 World all-around champion.

The event featured an exciting auction of designer handbags, donated by generous individuals and businesses. United Way credits a strong group of women leaders in the community who come together making this event so successful year after year.



United Way Events and Initiatives

Day of Caring

In 2023, United Way of Fort Smith Area held its 30th annual Day of Caring event. Over 800 volunteers completed 101 service projects in our six-county service area. The volunteers worked on projects such as gardening, landscaping, painting, visiting with the seniors in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, and so much more.

We are so thankful for the volunteers and sponsors that make this event a great success year after year.



Fill The Bus

In 2023, United Way of Fort Smith Area held its 30th annual Day of Caring event. Over 800 volunteers completed 101 service projects in our six-county service area. The volunteers worked on projects such as gardening, landscaping, painting, visiting with the seniors in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, and so much more.

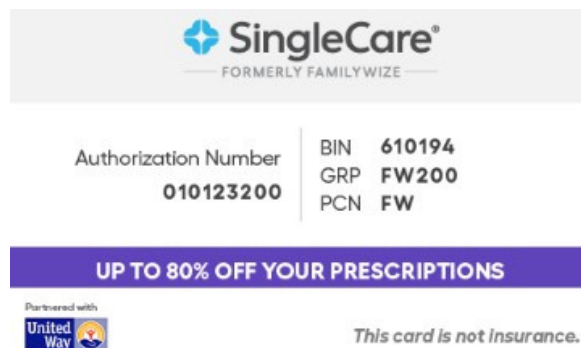
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United Way Events and Initiatives

SingleCare

SingleCare is a community prescription savings card program and is a powerful resource for individuals and families. It is always free to use by everyone. Show it to the pharmacist and save up to 80%. There are no registration or eligibility requirements, and it works whether you are insured or not. In 2023 SingleCare saved the community over \$288,000!



2-1-1 Arkansas

Arkansas 211 connects callers, at no cost, to critical health and human services in their community.

The 2-1-1 call center is an incredible resource for local citizens who can speak live to a well-trained information and referral operator 24 hours a day to get needed information.



Rising in the River Valley

The United Way of Fort Smith Area joined with the Fort Smith Crisis Intervention Center, Hamilton Center for Child Advocacy, and the Monarch 61 Project for Rising in the River Valley. The event was held on February 14th at 11:30 at the University of Arkansas—Fort Smith Bell Tower. Information and resources on child abuse, domestic violence, and sexual assault were available.

The public was invited to attend and help "rise up" to prevent abuse. Those in attendance signed a pledge banner pledging support for victims and survivors.

United Way Events and Initiatives

Touch A Truck

On June 21st, the Van Buren High School parking lot was the scene for our annual Touch A Truck event. This FREE Child Safety and Wellness Event provides a fantastic opportunity for children of all ages to see, touch, and explore full-sized vehicles while engaging with community support leaders such as police officers, firefighters, construction workers, military personnel, and more!

Attendees enjoyed a variety of vehicles, including construction and farm equipment, safety and transportation vehicles, motorcycles, emergency vehicles, the Air Evac Helicopter, military vehicles, and even a monster truck!

Arvest Bank generously grilled hot dogs for lunch. In addition to being a fun experience for kids, the event also offered educational resources. Several tables were set up, providing literature on various topics related to child safety and wellness.



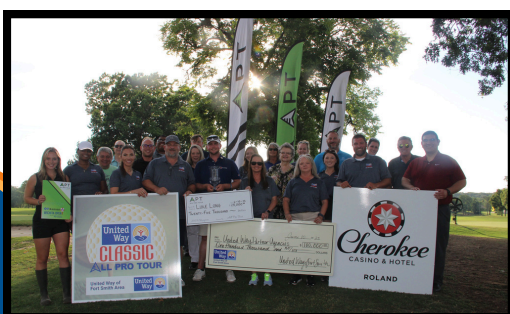
United Way Classic

The 4th annual United Way Classic on the All-Pro Tour (APT), presented by Cherokee Casino & Hotel Roland, was held on June 5th – 10th, 2023, at Hardscrabble Country Club in Fort Smith. The tournament featured over 150 PGA hopefuls competing for the grand prize of \$25,000.

The week was packed full of events. A Youth Clinic was held on Monday, June 5th, a Pro-Am on Tuesday, June 6th, and a Party on the Patio at Hardscrabble on Friday, June 9th. The pro rounds took place Wednesday through Saturday, with the trophy and check presentation on Saturday afternoon, June 10th.

The 2023 United Way Classic Champion was Luke Long from Fayetteville, Arkansas.

The event raised \$100,000 for participating United Way Agencies.



Best of River Valley

For the third year in a row, the United Way of Fort Smith Area was voted Gold Winner for the 2023 Best of the River Valley, which had over 377,000 votes cast.

Brent Powers, President of the River Valley Democrat-Gazette, said, "With our contest area ranging from Sallisaw to Russellville and from Mountainburg to Waldron, to be named in the top three in any category is an accomplishment."

We want to thank all those who voted for us. We appreciate your support!



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BEST of River Valley 2023 WINNER

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Since 1928, United Way of Fort Smith Area has been providing change in the community. It has done this in ways that no single agency, individual or government can do. Its vision is to be the most trusted way to positively impact the community by partnering with local agencies and donors to fund programs and services that support health, education and crisis support.

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BEST of River Valley 2023 WINNER

United Way of Fort Smith Area
Nonprofit Organization

Award Sponsors Presented by



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