

2011 United Way of the Big Bend Certified Agencies

United Way of the Big Bend's Community Care Fund creates a pool of flexible money for which these certified agencies apply, as well as receive a site visit and comprehensive review by community volunteers. If you choose not to place your contribution into the Community Care Fund, you may direct your contribution to one or more of these certified agencies. To learn more about the certification standards these agencies meet, see the other side of this page.

2-1-1 Big Bend 2-1-1 or (850) 617-6333 24-hour crisis hotline, suicide prevention, human services information and referrals	ECHO Outreach Ministries 224-3246 Provides holistic services that promote self-sufficiency and empowerment of people in crisis or poverty
Ability 1st 575-9621 Assistance to persons with disabilities	Elder Care Services 921-5554 Comprehensive programs for senior citizens in need
A Life Recovery Center224-9991 Drug-and-alcohol treatment programs	Epilepsy Association of the Big Bend 222-1777 Medical treatment, support groups and community education
Alzheimer's Project 386-2778 Full range of resource services including counseling, referral and support groups	Florida Disabled Outdoor Association 201-2944 Enriches lives of people with disabilities through inclusive recreational activities
American Red Cross, Capital Area Chapter 878-6080 Disaster, health, safety, emergency, volunteer, youth, military services	Girl Scout Council of the Florida Panhandle 386-2131 Camps, programs to encourage healthy lifestyles and learn life skills
America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend 562-3033 Provides surplus food to the needy through nonprofit agencies	Kids Incorporated of the Big Bend 414-9800 Family-oriented early childhood services
Big Bend Cares 656-2437 Provides education and comprehensive support to people infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS	Legal Aid Foundation of the Tallahassee Bar Association 222-3004 Civil legal services for low-income persons
Big Bend Habitat for Humanity 574-2288 Building houses in partnership with families in need	Legal Services of North Florida 385-9007 Legal assistance and counsel for low-income persons
Big Bend Homeless Coalition576-5566 Provides resources to people experiencing homelessness, and vulnerable and at-risk individuals	Lighthouse of the Big Bend (formerly the Florida Institute of Rehabilitation Education for People Who Are Visually Impaired Or Blind)942-3658 Counseling, independent living techniques, communication and computer skills, and adaptive technology for the blind
Big Bend Hospice 878-5310 Patient/family hospice care and bereavement	Literacy Volunteers of Leon County 606-2644 Adult tutoring in reading, writing and speaking
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Big Bend 386-6002 Provides quality role models to children whose circumstances demonstrate the need for additional adult support	Lutheran Social Services of North Florida 575-4309 Housing, support services for homeless families moving towards self-sufficiency
Boys and Girls Club of the Big Bend 656-8100 Activities and education for local youth	Neighborhood Health Services 224-2469 Indigent healthcare, education and service to homeless
Boys' Choir of Tallahassee 528-2403 Outreach program for males 7-18 with a focus on academic excellence, values, music, and brotherhood	Office of the Public Guardian 487-4609 Provides guardianship services to vulnerable or incapacitated adults who have no resources to obtain a guardian to safeguard their civil rights
Boy Scouts of America, Suwannee River Area Council 576-4146 Youth leadership development and prevention programs	PACE Center for Girls 921-9280 Promotes and enables young women to further their education, build self-esteem, and develop personal, social and family relationship skills
Brehon Institute for Family Services 656-7110 Shelter for homeless pregnant women, services for at-risk families	Planned Parenthood of North Central Florida 574-7455 Counseling on family communication, responsible sexuality, reproductive healthcare
Capital Area Community Action Agency 222-2043 Providing low-income families with the resources, support and skills to overcome obstacles to financial independence	Pregnancy Help and Information Center 222-7177 Free pregnancy tests, counseling, education, and infant needs
Capital Area Healthy Start Coalition 488-0288 Information for pregnant women and children under the age of 3	Refuge House 922-6062 Assistance for victims of domestic and sexual violence, including safe shelter and 24-hour crisis hotline
Capital City Youth Services 576-6000 Providing counseling, shelter and support services to children and their families	The Shelter 224-9055 Lodging, food, clothing, and other social services to the homeless
Capital Region YMCA 877-6151 Leadership building for local youth	Special Olympics Florida Leon County 597-9265 Olympic-style sports training, athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities
Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida 222-2180 Family assistance program	Turn About 671-1920 Family-oriented prevention, intervention and treatment for kids, teens and young adults addressing behavior, substance abuse, victimization, mental health
Children's Home Society of Florida, North Central Division 921-0772 Comprehensive services for children and families including adoption, crisis pregnancy services and child abuse	
Dick Howser Center for Childhood Services 574-3906 Early intervention, education, childcare, therapy services for young children	
Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend Region 385-0551 Quality childcare, provide tuition for low-income working parents	

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Eligibility Criteria and Standards for United Way of the Big Bend Certified Agencies

On May 13, 2004, the United Way of the Big Bend (UWBB) Board of Directors adopted the most comprehensive change to agency membership and standards in more than a decade. It was based on six months of work by a committee composed of Board members, agency representatives and staff.

To be eligible to seek certification from United Way of the Big Bend, an agency must:

- Be a nonprofit corporation incorporated in or authorized to do business in Florida
- Have held 501(c)(3) status for at least 3 years
- Be authorized by Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to solicit funds
- Have a sales tax exemption registration from the Florida Department of Revenue
- Provide human services to Leon County residents
- Comply with all applicable federal and state laws regarding non-discrimination
- Be governed by a local board of directors or a local advisory board
- Operate on a board-approved annual budget
- Use generally accepted standards of financial management
- Have books and records audited on an annual basis by an independent CPA
- Submit to an annual review by the Community Human Service Partnership
- Have administrative cost of 25% or less
- Have office in Leon County open at least 35 hours per week providing services
- Have at least one full-time trained volunteer or professional providing services locally
- Abide by all pertinent federal, state, and local laws

In order to remain a UWBB certified agency, it must:

- Maintain compliance with eligibility criteria
- Support the United Way of the Big Bend and its approach to community building, fund-raising and funding of agencies
- Cooperate and assist UWBB in its public information delivery
- Encourage donors to donate to the Community Care Fund to benefit the good of all agencies, instead of designating to a particular agency
- Directly notify UWBB staff or board members of any dispute with UWBB
- Directly notify UWBB staff or board members of any dispute with other UWBB agencies
- Use allocated funds (which may include designations) for approved programs
- Conduct an annual UWBB campaign
- Attend UWBB community events, such as the kickoff and celebration
- Attend annual speakers training in order to participate in UWBB campaign presentations
- Apply for and participate in Florida State Employees' Charitable Campaign (FSECC) and the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), if eligible
- Maintain annual membership in United Partners for Human Services
- Immediately notify United Way of the Big Bend regarding any legal, financial or organizational matters or changes that may affect the agency's ability to operate and/or deliver services
- Spend every dollar received from UWBB on program services delivered in UWBB's service area
- Equal or exceed United Way's annual allocation to the agency with cash and in-kind resources into local program delivery (for every dollar provided by United Way, agency provides another dollar either in cash or in-kind)

Note: Agencies serving only outside Leon County have different membership rules set by that county.

For more information, visit us online at www.uwbb.org or call 414-0844.

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