

SOLUTIONS FOR TOMORROW



Through the **BEST Project**, United Way of the Big Bend is leading an effort to help low-to-moderate-income residents preserve and increase their financial assets.

Our Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) effort offers free tax preparation by IRS-certified volunteers at sites throughout the Big Bend from January to April each year. This fast and free service helps Big Bend residents avoid predatory income-tax preparers and costly refund-anticipation loans.

Because of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance:

- \$20.4 million economic impact in the Big Bend Area
- \$17.9 million in total refunds
- \$2.5 million in tax-prep fee savings in the last six years

Through the work of our VITA volunteers, all of these dollars stay with the individuals and families who need them the most.

Tax Season	# of Returns	Total EITC \$	Total Refund \$	Tax Prep Savings	# of sites
2005	117	\$56,839	\$195,349	\$117,550	4
2006	564	\$196,576	\$534,761	\$84,600	9
2007	598	\$248,096	\$669,148	\$95,000	6
2008	3,865	\$896,329	\$2,975,257	\$579,750	12
2009	3,538	\$940,984	\$3,880,489	\$530,700	17
2010	3,761	\$1,155,478	\$4,456,394	\$564,150	14
2011	4,316	\$1,251,133	\$5,145,722	\$647,400	18
TOTALS	16,759	4,745,435	17,857,120	2,519,150	

SUPPORT FOR TODAY

While many of these agencies focus on prevention, they are the primary way we care for people now with basic needs and emergencies. **Need help or don't know who to call? Dial 211 and get the answers you're looking for today.**


2-1-1 Big Bend	211
Ability 1st.....	575-9621
The Alzheimer's Project.....	386-2778
America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend.....	562-3033
American Red Cross, Capital Area Chapter.....	878-6080
Big Bend Cares.....	656-2437
Big Bend Habitat for Humanity.....	574-2288
Big Bend Hospice.....	878-5310
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Big Bend.....	386-6002
Boy Scouts of America, Suwannee River Area Council.....	576-4146
Boys and Girls Clubs of the Big Bend.....	656-8100
Brehon Institute for Family Services.....	656-7110
Capital Area Community Action Agency.....	653-8057
Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend.....	385-0551
Elder Care Services.....	921-5554
Fellowship of Christian Athletes.....	383-1144
Gadsden Art Center.....	875-4866
Girl Scout Council of the Florida Panhandle.....	386-2131
Legal Services of North Florida.....	385-5007
Literacy Volunteers of Gadsden County.....	875-8680
Neighborhood Health Services.....	224-2469
Office of the Public Guardian.....	487-4609
Redeemed.....	627-0251
Refuge House.....	681-2111
Sickle Cell Foundation.....	222-2355
Special Olympics Gadsden County.....	313-1729
The Tallahassee-Leon Shelter.....	224-9055
We Care Network.....	942-5215

JOIN HANDS OPEN YOUR HEART LEND YOUR MUSCLE FIND YOUR VOICE GIVE A SATURDAY THINK OF WE BEFORE ME REACH OUT A HAND TO ONE AND RAISE THE HOPES OF ALL.

We invite you to be part of the change. United, we can inspire hope, improve what we see in our world, and create opportunities for a better tomorrow. Thanks for what you do to LIVE UNITED.

We thank our volunteers for sharing their LIVE UNITED experiences.
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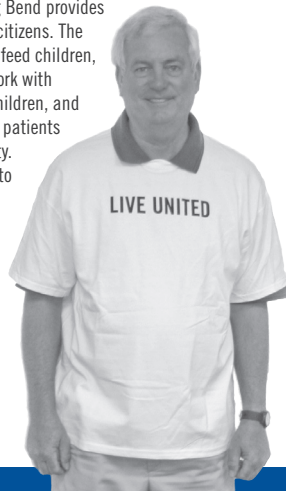
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“With the dollars staying right here in Gadsden County, I know United Way of the Big Bend provides services to hundreds of our citizens.”

Capital City Bank has always been a huge supporter of United Way of the Big Bend, and I also believe in what they do for our community. I give thorough payroll deduction.

With the dollars staying right here in Gadsden County, I know United Way of the Big Bend provides services to hundreds of our citizens. The dollars we raise are helping feed children, provide after-school care, work with battered women and their children, and provide care to terminally ill patients to ensure comfort and dignity. I hope everyone will join me to LIVE UNITED.



Walter McPherson
Volunteer, Community
President
Capital City Bank

ADVOCATE.

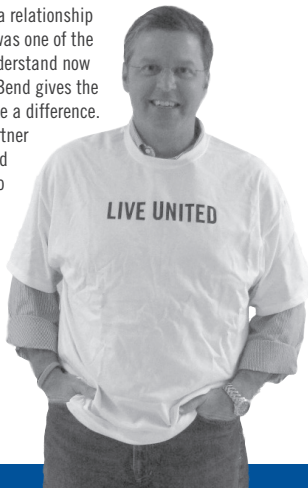
“I understand now that United Way of the Big Bend gives the opportunity for folks to make a difference.”

I recently volunteered as a member of the Community Investment Team this summer to distribute United Way of the Big Bend dollars raised in Gadsden County. This process allows the community to be involved in setting benevolent priorities, and allows us to come together and service the needs of the larger community.

My church has always had a relationship with United Way, and that was one of the reasons I got involved. I understand now that United Way of the Big Bend gives the opportunity for folks to make a difference. United Way allows us to partner with other organizations and agencies to work together to help more people.

I LIVE UNITED by always looking for an opportunity to make a difference.

Rev. Chris Erde
Volunteer, First
Presbyterian Church -
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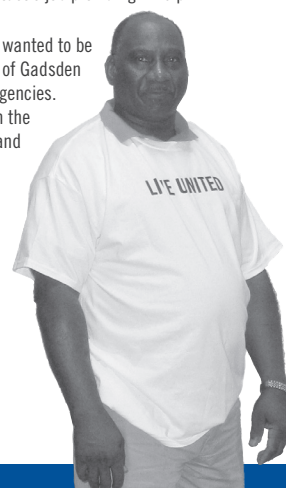
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I served on the Community Investment Team this summer representing citizens of Gadsden County, and were responsible for distributing the dollars that were raised during the 2008 Campaign. It was a very unique experience as the process benefits all the citizens of Gadsden County who need services from our local agencies. United Way of the Big Bend’s agencies do a fantastic job providing help.

I’ve lived here all my life and wanted to be a part of helping the citizens of Gadsden County through United Way agencies. I also wanted to make certain the dollars were allocated fairly and stayed in Gadsden County – they were and they do!

I volunteer and give, and I hope more people will do the same.

Henry Gunn
Volunteer, SuperValu



LIVE UNITED

THANK YOU FOR CREATING OPPORTUNITIES AND INSPIRING HOPE FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

