

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
TOTALS	12,443	\$3,494,302	\$12,711,398	\$1,971,750	

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 Hospice.....	878-5310
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Big Bend.....	386-6002
Boy Scouts of America, Suwannee River Area Council..	576-4146
Capital Area Community Action Agency.....	222-2043
Capital City Youth Services	576-6000
Capital Region YMCA	877-6151
Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend.....	385-0551
Elder Care Services	921-5554
Fellowship of Christian Athletes.....	383-1144
Florida Disabled Outdoor Association.....	201-2944
Girl Scout Council of the Florida Panhandle.....	386-2131
Legal Services of North Florida.....	385-5007
Neighborhood Health Services.....	224-2469
Office of the Public Guardian	487-4609
Refuge House.....	681-2111
Special Olympics – Wakulla County	543-1873
Wakulla County Senior Citizens Center.....	926-7145
We Care Network	942-5215

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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IN WAKULLA COUNTY

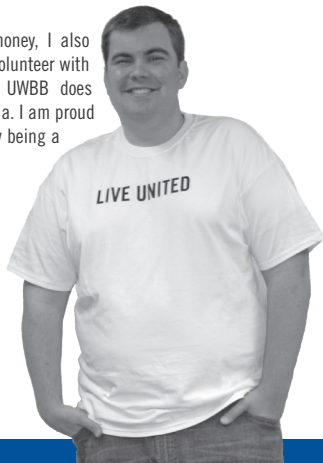
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GIVE.

“I don’t just donate money, I also donate my time as a volunteer with United Way projects.”

I know that by donating to United Way of the Big Bend, my donation goes further and helps more people than if I just gave to one non-profit or organization. United Way works to ensure that local non-profits have the resources they need to be successful. Giving to United Way helps our entire community because they look at the big picture, work to reduce the need and provide opportunity for people in Wakulla.

I don’t just donate money, I also donate my time as a volunteer with United Way projects. UWBB does great things for Wakulla. I am proud to LIVE UNITED. I enjoy being a part of the solution.



Alan Brock
Wakulla County
Commissioner

ADVOCATE.

“Being an advocate begins in the heart and works its way out into the community through our words and service.”

Advocacy means going the extra mile to ensure others know the worthiness of the cause you believe in. Being an advocate begins in the heart and works its way out into the community through our words and service. Speak or act on behalf of those who cannot do so for themselves by giving our resources, volunteering our time, and using our gifts and abilities to fulfill critical needs in our community.

Helping others understand the importance and impact of what they give through United Way of the Big Bend is what it’s all about.



Courtney Peacock
Capital City Bank

VOLUNTEER.

“I may not have the funds to donate to organizations, but I can donate time, and sometimes time is better than money.”

As a teacher, I’ve had the opportunity to work with some amazingly inspiring students. I have tried to extend that experience outside of my classroom as a volunteer with the Special Olympics Florida Wakulla County because of my desire to inspire people with intellectual disabilities served by this agency. It has caused my mind and heart to be open to accept people who have a disability.

At first, I thought it was all about them, but I have recently realized it’s also about me. Volunteering with this organization has changed my life. It has taught me to treat all people with respect, dignity, and acceptance. It has also helped me become a better person. I may not have the funds to donate to organizations, but I can donate time, and sometimes time is better than money.

United Way gives our Wakulla agencies the ability to thrive. I believe that it’s imperative to either give time or money to United Way of the Big Bend, so our agencies can continue to grow and provide services that our community needs.

Patricia Bodiford, Volunteer, ESE
Teacher Wakulla County Schools



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