

# United Way of Island County

## 2014 Report to the Community

*Creating the opportunities for a good life for all by focusing on:*

### Education

#### Helping Children and Youth Achieve Their Potential

- 2,720 youth will have an increased knowledge of healthy attitudes and in healthy relationships, increase in personal safety. A decrease in aggressive behavior with fewer sexual assaults. An increase in knowledge of issues surrounding bullying, dating violence, harassment and violence in the home.
- 550 youth will have an increase in connection with social support systems outside of the home and age appropriate employment readiness.
- 962 youth will develop strong personal values and character, positive sense of self-worth and usefulness. Be in caring relationships with parents, other adults and peers.
- 300 children age 0-3 identified with disabilities or delayed development will be identified and have services to meet those needs. Plans will be developed with parents with goals and activities to maximize a child's development.
- 30 children will receive scholarships to participate in a daycare high quality early learning environment.
- 1,100 children will be physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially prepared for their next learning environment through the Kindergarten Readiness Calendars.

15,000 Family Resource Guides will be made available to so that families and individuals can access resources in the community. 345 Family Resource Guides will be used as a community project with a freshmen class seeking services in the Island County Community. Through this activity the students will build and are aware of community support systems throughout Island County. They gain knowledge on how to and who to turn to for support in challenging social and health crisis. The Family Resource Guides are also sent out by the Island County Health Department to all newborns and their families born in Island County.

## Income

### **Promoting Financial Stability and Independence**

- 2,300 individuals and families will be strengthened and empowered to succeed. They will have the ability to increase access to services in a rural community where there will be increased community involvement through volunteerism.
- 1,190 Island County residents will have stabilized housing and address barriers to successfully maintain housing. Through intense case management, households will have the skills to budget, increase capacity to earn income, to access programs available for support.
- 32 families will improve credit scores, and reduce use of credit cards. This will afford them the ability to be approved for housing in the conventional mortgage market or apply for loans to build with a reduced mortgage rate.

## Health

### **Improve People's Health**

- 100 people will gain knowledge and training for their communities to build their capacity to respond, adapt and recover from disasters.
- 550 military families will have the ability to build coping strategies when facing difficult times with separation due to military deployments.
- Estimated 19 Individuals and families that have personal disasters will be able to have their immediate needs met through food, clothing and shelter.
- 1,150 seniors will be served through information and referral to needed resources within the community. Caregivers receive support and access to resources.
- 1,775 individuals will maintain a balanced and nutritional diet. This will have meals and have the ability to remain independent longer.
- 22,827 individuals hunger needs will be met through a balanced, nutritional diet.



**Mission: Mobilize community resources to measurably improve people's lives.**

## Community Impact

- **Foundation for Early Learning** Professional development on early literacy, professional learning communities with elementary and early learning educators events supporting early literacy, pilot preparation for summer program for kindergartners, support infrastructure for early learning coalition.
- **Children's Day**, September 24, South Whidbey Park, Langley: Planning Committee and participant.
- **Kindergarten Readiness Calendar**: 2,300 distributed throughout Island County. Printing provided by [The Boeing Company](#).
- **Partners for Young Children (PYC)**: to support families and young children in Island County. Partners are: [Child Care Resource and Referral](#), [Island County School Districts](#), [Island County Health Department](#), [NWESD & NW Early Learning](#), [Toddler learning Center](#), [Sno-Isle Library](#), [ECEAP](#), [Head Start & Early Head Start](#), [South Whidbey Children's Center](#).
- **Navy League Oak Harbor**: Executive Board Member and Planning Committee: Veteran's Day Celebration (November).
- **National Night Out** (first Tuesday in August)
- **Oak Harbor Youth Commission** member: Advises the mayor and the city council concerning the welfare, education, recreation, job needs and delinquency matters related to you in Oak Harbor; assist with coordination efforts, on behalf of youth, between the city, county and youth services providers; advocate for youth and youth related issues to the city and community.
- **Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce**: member
- **United Ways of Washington** member: Quarterly meetings with 24 United Ways across the state. United Ways Day on the Hill (February) legislative priorities for Early Learning: Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP), Working Connections Child Care, Birth to Three Services, WaKids.
- **Combined Federal Campaign of Island County**: Principal Combined Fund Organization (PCFO) for the federal workplace giving campaign \$175,000.
- **FamilyWise Prescription Drug Savings Card** program administrator: savings \$44,646 year to date savings to 540 Island County residents. Distribution provided in partnership with [Medical Safety Net and the faith community](#).

- **Family Resource Guide:** distribution of 17,000 guides distributed throughout Island County. Partnering with [Whidbey News Times](#) for in-kind printing.
- **Day of Caring** with [Toddler Learning Center](#), [CADA](#), [City of Oak Harbor](#), [Senior Services of Island County](#) and [South Whidbey Children's Center](#) June 21: Playground refurbishing project, maintenance, City of Oak Harbor refurbishing of shelter structures, maintenance of day care and domestic violence shelter and transitional housing with the help of United Way staff, board members, US Navy personnel, numerous churches within the faith community in Oak Harbor.
- **United Way Worldwide** Membership Certification June 30, 2014.
- In-kind printing for pledge cards courtesy of **Whidbey Island Bank**.
- \$2,500 even sponsorship grant from [The Boeing Company](#) for 2014 Annual Meeting.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Instant Wine Cellar Event, September 20, 2014; \$5,000 sponsorship matching grant from [Island Thrift](#), \$500 donation from [Whidbey Island Bank](#), bites & sips provided in-kind by local restaurants and wine cellars throughout Island County, celebrity servers.
- **Island County Housing Advisory Board:** serving on board and grant review process.
- **Volunteer Solutions** – Administrator: On-line volunteer matching program connects individuals to volunteer opportunities in the communities.
- **Youth United** in development: Launch date to be determined. Matching youth with volunteer opportunities when they give 145 service hours and “letter” in community service at their school.

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