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2015 Report to the Community

United Way Mission Statement

Mobilize community resources to measurably
improve people's lives

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At United Way of Island County, our mission is to mobilize community resources to measurably improve people’s lives. We work to create lasting change that prevents problems for happening in the first place.

LIVE UNITED.

- When we reach out a hand to one we influence the condition of all.
- We all win when a child succeeds in school, when families are financially stable and when people have good health,
- The outcomes have benefits that trickle out to the community as a whole.

LIVE UNITED means being part of the change. It takes everyone in the community working together to create a brighter future, Together, we can accomplish more than any single group can on it’s own.

GIVE.ADVOCATE.VOLUNTEER

Today’s United Way advances the common good by creating opportunities for all. Our focus is on education, income and health—the building blocks for a good life. United Way recruits people and organizations who bring the passion, expertise and resources needed to get things done. We invite you to be a part of the change. You can give, you can advocate and you can volunteer

That’s what it means to **LIVE UNITED.**

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OUTCOMES



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

Education

Helping Children and Youth Achieve Their Potential

5960 youth 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.

101 youth had an increase in connection with social support systems outside of the home and age appropriate employment readiness. Also, developed strong personal values and character, positive sense of self-worth and usefulness, be in caring relationships with parents, other adults and peers.

271 children age 0-3 were referred for developmental screening. 90 of those children referred were identified with disabilities or delayed development. 252 New Services were initiated to meet the outcomes in the family service plans.

120 children received scholarships to participate in a high quality early learning daycare environment.

2,500 children were physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially prepared for their next learning environment through the Kindergarten Readiness Calendars.

30 parents through parenting classes increased their coping skill, learned positive discipline and learned to keep their children safe.

13,000 Family Resource Guides were made available to so that families and individuals can access resources in the community. 345 Family Resource Guides were used as a community project with a freshmen class seeking services in the Island County Community. Through this activity the students became aware of community support systems throughout Island County. They gained knowledge on how to and who to turn to for support in challenging social and health crisis. The Family Resource Guides were also sent out by the Island County Health Department to all newborns and their families born in Island County.

OUTCOMES

Income

Promoting Financial Stability and Independence

- 988** individuals sought housing services were assessed and referred to all community resources-both internal and external.
- 29** households were stabilized in housing and addressed 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.
- 46** Veteran families were served and **9** veteran homeless households were engaged for VASH housing vouchers.
- 4000+** separate appointments were provided to households requesting or those receiving shelter, housing and/or rent assistance. The average number of appointments a household received while obtaining assistance was 6 (range was from 3-9).

Health

Improve People's Health

- 2193** seniors were served through information and referral to needed resources within the community. Caregivers receive support and access to resources.
- 18,516** congregate meals served. These individuals maintained a balanced and nutritional diet. This gave the ability to remain independent longer.
- 7840** food baskets were prepared allowing residents hunger needs to be met through a balanced, nutritional diet.



COMMUNITY IMPACT

Foundation for Early Learning Grant 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.

Kindergarten Readiness Calendar: 2,500 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 (August 4)

Oak Harbor Youth Coalition member: Through the support of the Washington State Dept. of Social and Health Services, and the Division of Behavioral Health & Recovery, the Oak Harbor Youth Coalition, is a group of community leaders who gather from different sectors with the vision of working to promote stronger youth and healthier families by combating substance use and abuse. Additionally, they work with local schools and law enforcement groups on issues concerning the welfare needs of youth throughout the greater Oak Harbor community.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce: member

United Ways of Pacific Northwest member: Quarterly meetings with 24 United Ways across the state.

Combined Federal Campaign of Island County: Principal Combined Fund Organization (PCFO) for the federal workplace giving campaign.

FamilyWize Prescription Drug Savings Card program administrator: savings \$89,227 year to date savings to 540 Island County residents. Distribution provided in partnership with [Medical Safety Net](#) and the faith community.



United Way of Island County Member Agencies, Sponsored Programs, and Donor Designations in 2015

United Way of Island County Partner Agencies

Citizens Against Domestic and Sexual Abuse
(CADA)
Community Resources Foundation
North Whidbey Help House
Opportunity Council
Senior Services of Island County
South Whidbey Children Center
Toddler Learning Center

United Way of Island County Sponsored Programs

2-1-1 (United Way)
Early Learning (United Way)
Family Resource Guide (United Way and Whid-
bey News-Times)
Volunteer Solutions (United Way)
Kindergarten Readiness Calendar (Boeing
Sponsorship)

Community Events

Feed the Need January 16, 2015
Day of Caring June 20, 2015: Projects with
Margie's House (CADA & Opportunity Council)
and Toddler Learning Center
National Night Out : August 4, 2015
Instant Wine Cellar: October 2, 2015
Children's Day (Planning Committee)
– September 26, 2014

United Way of Island County Executive Director Member

Feed the Need
Partners in Young Children
Island County Homeless Housing Board
Navy League
Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce
Oak Harbor Faith Network
Oak Harbor Youth Coalition
Soroptimist International of Oak Harbor
Island Thrift



Donor Designations in 2015 To Non-Partner Agencies

American Red Cross, Island Chapter
Boy Scouts of America-Mt. Baker
Boys & Girls Club, Coupeville
Evergreen Freedom Foundation
Girl Scouts Western Washington
Goosefoot
Habitat for Humanity of Island County
IDIPIIC
Oak Harbor Senior Center
Planned Parenthood
Pregnancy Care Clinic
Spin Cafe
United Way of King County

United Way of Island County 2015 Community Investments Made by Corporate and Employee Groups

3m Retirees
Active Network
ADP
Anacortes School District
Amazon Smile
American Airlines Employees
AT&T Foundation
Banner Bank Employees
Benevity Causes
Boeing Company
Boeing Employee Community Fund (ECF)
Cambia Health Foundation
Century Link National Employees
Cigna
City of Oak Harbor Employees
Click n Give
Combined Federal Campaign of Island County
Combined Federal Campaign of King County
Combined Federal Campaign of North Puget Sound
Comcast Employees
Costco Employees
Coupeville School District
Enterprise
Fed Ex Employees
Fidelity Charitable
Fred Meyer/Kroger
GE
Hoffman Construction
Hoffman Construction Employees
Island County Employees
Island County Housing Authority Employees
Island Thrift
Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle
JK Group
Key Bank
Key Bank Employees
Law Office of Chris Skinner
Liberty Mutual
Macy's East
Microsoft
Microsoft Employees
Nationwide Employees
Oak Harbor School District
O'Reilly Auto Parts
Peoples Bank
Peoples Bank Employees

Phillips Healthcare Employees
Premera Blue Cross Employees
Puget Sound Energy Foundation
Seamar Comm. Health Center Employees
Seattle Goodwill Employees
Shell Oil Foundation
Shell Oil Employees
Sno-Isle Libraries' Employees
Supervalu
Toddler Learning Center Employees
Truist
Umpqua Employees
UPS Employees
United Ways of Washington/Gates Foundation
US Bank Employees
Wal-Mart
Wal-Mart Employees
Washington Federal Employees
Washington State Fund Drive
Wells Fargo Bank Employees
Whidbey General Hospital Employees
Whidbey Island Bank
And **many** individuals!

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