



United Way
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Two Couples to head up 2018 Campaign

Marc & Jenny McNece and Jonathan & Chrissy Lange will head up our efforts for the next Knox County United Way Campaign.



Retired Teachers Prepare to screen youth for Kindergarten Jump Start thanks to United Way Funding. Youth are screened at the beginning of each two week camp and post tested at the end to measure progress. This information is then shared with our education committee and with the Lilly foundation that helps fund our Impact work.



Board Member Duane Chattin and Spiderman were both big hits in the 4th of July Parade!



Day of Caring

Dates have been set Sept. 27th & 28th
United Way partner agencies and communities will have projects throughout the county for volunteers as well as food collection at various sites in Vincennes and Bicknell. To submit potential projects for the Day of Caring or to volunteer as an individual, group, or company...contact the United Way office at 812-882-3624 or email us at Lacey@unitedwayofknoxcounty.org.



- ✦ August 4th – KETA @Washington Christian Center 10:00 – 1:00
- ✦ August 11th – Trailblazer 5k for Generations
- ✦ August 25th – Salvation Army Hurdles for Hope @ Gregg Park
- ✦ Sept. 8th – Suicide Prevention 5K – 9:00 Kimmel Park

Partner Agency: Life after Meth (LAM)



Jamie

Mckee joined the LAM in the Knox County Jail on April 14, 2016. She took advantage of every learning experience while in the jail program and on July 12, 2016 she was

released from jail to the Women’s LAM house. Jamie quickly got a full-time job at the KCARC wood plant. She was a hard worker and moved up fast. In July of 2017 a better position opened up at the KCARC Sewing plant and Jamie was hired as a “Cutting Facilitator” where she continues to work today. Jamie put a great deal of effort into not only her job but into her family and her recovery working the 12 Steps of NA, attending meetings, and meeting with her sponsor. In July of 2017, she was appointed the Women’s LAM house manager. Since then she has managed to get her driver’s license and a vehicle to drive all while saving money to someday get a place of her own. Jamie has two children Ethan is 18 and has just graduated from high school and Mackenzie is 16. Jamie is planning on moving out of the LAM house soon and getting her own house with her daughter. We will miss her very much but wish her great success in her new life! {info by Marsha Bishop}

Partner Agency: Generations

- Generations has been doing several Matter of Balance classes all over our six-county area and recently partnered with GSH to provide a class there with a great deal of interested from the public.
- We are always looking for volunteers of any age in all six counties of our service area. We have many different volunteer activities and will be more than happy to plug volunteers in to their particular areas of interest. For more information on our volunteer opportunities, call 1-800-742-9002.

Generations continues to partner with Senior Education Ministries on their Dine with a Doc® program that is presented the first Wednesday of each month at the Beckes Student Union Food Court on the Vincennes University campus. This program is designed for fellowship for older adults, as well as to provide information on different topics presented by a different doctor each month. Lunch is provided for free to participants. For more information, you may visit the Dine with a Doc® website at www.dinewithadoc.com. To register, contact the Generations office at 1-800-742-9002 [Information by Brenda Hancock}



Volunteers

needed and free training coming soon. Joyce Conrad our Volunteers in Tax assistance will be organizing a tax preparation workshop for interested volunteers. Call United Way at 812-882-3624 or email Lacey at Lacey@unitedwayofknoxcounty.org.

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OR SEE OUR FACEBOOK SITE

Partner Agency: Girl Scouts SWI

Knox Back-to-School Bash; Saturday, August 25th at Wabash Trails Park/Ouabache Trails Park 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana and the Knox County Service Unit are hosting a "Welcome Back to School Bash" for all girls and families in Knox County! The event is FREE fun for the whole family!

Join us for a carnival-style event where you'll create unique items and play games while earning your way to a FREE lunch!

You'll also have the opportunity to learn more about Girl Scouts in Knox County and how you can UNLEASH STRONG by being a part of the greatest leadership and growth experience for girls.

All grades of girls are invited to join Girl Scouts, from kindergarten to twelfth! Membership to Girl Scouts is \$25 for the entire year and includes access to member-only camps, retreats, parties, dances, and troops where available.

Registrations for new and returning Girl Scouts will be accepted at this event! Please bring exact change or a check as your payment. Registration forms will be available to fill out there! Financial assistance (or a "Scoutership") is also available for those that qualify to help with membership and uniforms, so please message Tiffany Morgan for more details!

Are you and your girl excited and can't wait until then? Please go to <https://girlscouts.secure.force.com/girl> to register now!


Partner Agency: Salvation Army

Program: Group Life

Group Life is a focused time of life skills classes being taught for all age groups on a weekly basis with a free meal before. There are sessions on basic sewing, handyman, Kindness rock painting, coupons, & budgeting.

Partner Agency: Backpacks of Love

Our Newest partner agency is providing nutrition on the weekend for numerous locations in the VCSC. 230 Bags were delivered each week last year. Deliveries this year will start on August 17th. Individuals or organizations wishing to help pack please contact Kathy Clinkenbeard at 812-890-0454.



SUICIDE PREVENTION 5K

SEPTEMBER 8 | KIMMELL PARK | 9 A.M.


Support Good Samaritan's initiative to end suicide by participating in this year's Suicide Prevention 5K.

SCHEDULE	REGISTRATION
8:30 a.m. Registration	\$25
8:45 a.m. Opening Ceremony	Those who register by August 17 will be guaranteed a t-shirt and goodie bag. Walkers are welcome, but a pace of 15 minutes per mile is required.
9 a.m. 5K Run Begins	
10 a.m. 5K Awards Presentation	
10:15 a.m. Speaker	
10:45 a.m. Closing Remarks	

RACE DETAILS

Awards will be given for the top female and male runner. Medals will also be given to first, second and third place runners in each age group. Please contact Michelle Kidwell by email at makidwell@gshvin.org with any questions.

Registration forms can be found at any Samaritan Center location or online at www.suicideprevention5k.eventbrite.com.



Partner Agency: Good Samaritan

Program: System of Care

United Way of Knox County is actively participating in the Samaritan Center's System of Care and featured Director Casandra Brocksmith at our most recent agency meeting. We will continue to collaborate together.