

Did you know...

Nurturing Children

- 12% of our children score “below standard” on state tests that measure reading and language arts skills.
- 15.5% of our children live below the poverty line.

Helping Youth Succeed

- Nearly 33% of our teens will not graduate high school.
- 29.9% of students in grades 7-12 report alcohol use.
- 700 adolescents became pregnant in Spartanburg County in 2008.

Keeping Seniors Connected

- The population over age 60 is expected to increase 102.5% by 2025.
- 13.9% of our elderly live below the poverty line.

Promoting Health & Wellness

- 19% of our neighbors have no health insurance.
- 62% of our citizens are overweight.

Strengthening Adults & Families

- 12% of our families live below the federal poverty line.
- There were 1,829 reported incidents of criminal domestic violence last year in our three county area.
- Our community has a 12.8% unemployment rate.
- Only 31.8% of our workforce has any post-high school education.

Make your mark on the Piedmont.

Last year, through the generosity of donors to the United Way of the Piedmont, the following support was provided for our friends and neighbors in Spartanburg, Cherokee and Union Counties...

- 29,738 young people were educated on the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse
- 3,295 children received help with their homework after school in safe environments
- 2,830 senior citizens participated in programs designed to keep them active and alert
- 5,760 hours of respite care was provided to families caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease
- 1,582 individuals with no health insurance had prescriptions filled at little or no cost
- 138 mothers with drug and alcohol addictions received intensive counseling and treatment
- 546 individuals received assistance following a house fire or other disaster
- 1,118 men, women, and children found shelter during a difficult time
- 51 homeowners received help building or repairing their homes
- 23,209 people received assistance paying their rent, mortgage, and utility bills
- 1,040 adults got the help they needed to get their GED and/or continue their education

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