

GIVE.

- We are providing \$2.25 million in funding for 132 programs in 75 agencies this year throughout Spartanburg, Cherokee and Union Counties. When programs are funded through Community Investment Process, we know we're investing our donors' dollars wisely!
- Outside of our Community Investment Process, the United Way manages approximately \$900,000 each year in funds directed to agencies directly by our donors.
- We coordinate the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSPA) locally, providing over \$230,000 in financial support to organizations who provide emergency assistance.
- In December, we provided an additional \$250,000 in special project grants to agencies to fund building projects, staff training, board development, IT upgrades and other capacity building initiatives.

ADVOCATE.

- We continue to partner with The Spartanburg County Foundation, Spartanburg County and USC Upstate on the Community Indicators Project. The Metropolitan Studies Institute at Upstate has made Community Indicators their primary body of work and is leading discussions and research in our community around Spartanburg's most pressing concerns.
- In 2008, we partnered with the Upstate Workforce Investment Board on a Union Indicators project. We publish the results of our study in May of that year and continue to partner on community forums to discuss the implications on Union County.
- We are in the process of coordinating a Cherokee Indicators Project in partnership with the Cherokee Community Foundation and Upstate Workforce Investment Board. We have over 100 volunteers involved and plan to publish a final report in the Spring of 2010.
- For the last 3 years we've worked with the Workforce Investment Board and other community partners on the Spartanburg County Volunteer Tax Assistance Initiative. The IRS estimates Spartanburg is leaving approximately \$4 million each year on the table in unclaimed taxes, most notably the Earned Income Tax Credit (ETIC). Since it's inception, we've coordinated the completion of 3,950 tax returns over the last 5 years representing \$3.65 million returned to our community.

- We currently have 8,100 children registered in the Imagination Library Project. Books are mailed to these children (age 0-5) free of charge. Over one-third of all eligible children in Spartanburg and Union Counties are enrolled.
- United Way is part of the *Joint Funders* – a collaboration between the Mary Black Foundation, Spartanburg County Foundation, Spartanburg Regional Foundation and UWP. We work with this group on several projects throughout the year including agency training.
- We are currently working with the *Joint Funders* on the Healthy Teen Spartanburg initiative aimed at addressing the alarming problem of Teen Pregnancy in our community. Stay tuned to exciting developments in this area...
- We operate our Information and Referral Service that provides human service professionals and individuals in need with individualized referrals to community organizations that can address their specific problem. Last year we managed over 1,000 calls through our Information and Referral System.
- We maintain and publish a Directory of Services for the community that details the services available in our community for those in need.

VOLUNTEER!

- As part of Volunteer Connections, we match individuals and groups with meaningful volunteer opportunities throughout the community. In 2008, we helped coordinate over 69,000 hours totaling an investment in our community of over \$1.3 million.
- We manage RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) in Spartanburg County and coordinate meaningful volunteer service opportunities for senior citizens. Currently, over 300 RSVP volunteers serve in 55 non-profit organizations through RSVP. This program is largely funded by a federal grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS).
- In 2007 we were awarded an AmeriCorps*VISTA grant from CNCS. This program provides us with funding to place 25 college graduates in 25 non-profit organizations full-time for one year to work on program development, fund development, and volunteer recruitment. The annual value of this grant is \$600,000.
- We hold “Week of Caring” matching over 650 corporate volunteers with group projects in various non-profit organizations in September. This is a great way to involve our donors in the community.
- We coordinate quarterly projects with our corporate partners to benefit local non-profit organizations (i.e. Bags of Love, Tools for School, etc.).