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The United Way of Jasper County provides collaborative leadership to align critical needs with resources to advance the common good in the areas of Health, Income, and Education in Baxter, Colfax, Galesburg, Ira, Kellogg, Killduff, Lambs Grove, Mingo, Monroe, Newburg, Newton, Prairie City, Reasnor, Sully, And Valeria.

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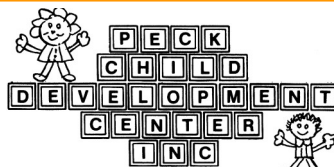
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YMCA Launches After-School Program With Support From United Way of Jasper County

The United Way of Jasper County has strengthened its partnership with the Newton YMCA by helping fund a free after-school at Berg Middle School. The program targets middle schools students, particularly those not involved in other activities. A Teen Task Force, convened by YMCA staff, developed the program after carefully considering the best way to impact Newton teenagers. "I was proud to represent the Jasper County United Way on the Teen Task Force," said UWJC Board Member Jamie Grout. "The United Way Board felt that the ACES Teen Club had run it's course, however a program for teens was still needed. Tom Vanderlaan, Director of the YMCA, Berg Middle School Principal Scott Bauer and other Task Force members came up with some ideas on what age group to address and what needs should be met by an after-school program. Tom and his staff came up with the rest of the plan, and the United Way of Jasper County supported it by allocating \$10,000 towards the project." Colette Hill and Staci Bird will co-facilitate the program, which is designed to give teens the opportunity to pursue their passions. Students will be able to select their areas of interest and even have their choice of volunteer projects. The program aligns directly with UWJC's Education strategy of helping children, youth, parents, families, adults, and seniors achieve their potential.

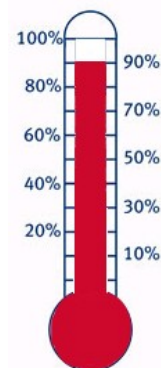
Peck Child Development Center, Inc Prepares to Celebrate 40 Years of Service to Jasper County



Peck Child Development Center, Inc., a United Way Partner Agency, will be proudly celebrating its 40th year of service to the Jasper County Area this April. It all started with a \$90,000 gift made by Mrs. Vera Peck in memory of her husband, Clyde. Her donation funded the building Peck has occupied for the past 40 years. Peck CDC provides care and an early childhood education (preschool) for children 2 – 10 years of age, Monday through Friday. "Thanks to funding provided by the United Way of Jasper County, we are able to offer parents a sliding fee scale based on their monthly income, keeping our program affordable for all families. Our current staff has over 100 years of service and that is reflected in the quality of our program," says Executive Director Deb Krampe. A special event will be held by Peck this coming spring to celebrate all the support they have received from the community over the past four decades.

Campaign Update

Our Goal: \$310,000



**It's not too late
to donate!
Mail pledges to
Box 844
Newton, IA.**

**Thank you for
your support!**

Total Raised: \$282,920
As of 1/23/12



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Volunteers in the Process of Allocating UWJC Funds

United Way of Jasper County Allocation Teams are hard at work, embarking on the important task of delivering funding recommendations to the United Way of Jasper County Board of Directors. There are five Allocation teams, each consisting of community volunteers and Board members. The community volunteers come from all professions, ranging from school district employees to healthcare executives to credit analysts. They participate in allocation training, have the opportunity to visit the organizations requesting funding, interview the agency directors, and examine agencies' financial pictures. Allocation Team recommendations are presented to the Board of Directors who will approve final totals on March 27th. The work of the Allocation volunteers is vital to the UWJC's ability to make responsible funding decisions and have maximum impact in Jasper County.

Thank you to the 2012 Community Allocation Team Members!

Brett Altman	Brenda Lamb
Michael Bahnson	Cassia Nolin
Katie Bieghler	Wade Sheeler
Jane Cruchelow	Doug Smith
Lori Eisbrener	Jim Sparks
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Baxter Early Learning Center Welcomes New Director

My name is Tiffany Finch, I have lived in Baxter for almost 5 years with my wonderful husband, Matthew Finch of Kellogg, IA and our two beautiful girls Emarie (5) and Isabella (3). I have previously worked for the Ronald McDonald House and then chose to stay home and provide in-home childcare for two years. A wonderful door opened in my life as I was gifted the opportunity to serve as the new Director for Baxter ELC. Thanks to the wonderful staff and board members, I have been able to jump right in! Many great things are happening quickly, and we are excited to show off our new look! Thanks to many volunteers and the staff, we have given BELC a fresh look with new paint, some new flooring and much more! We are hosting an open house Saturday, February 25th from 1-4pm and invite you all to stop in and check out everything from our new curriculum to healthy menu! BELC provides care for Infants to 4 year-olds in the Center and 4 & 5 year pre-school and before and after school held at Baxter Community School. Baxter Early Learning Center is a great place for each child to grow and I am honored to be a part of it!



Tax Aid Offered By RSVP

UWJC partner organization Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is days away from launching their 2012 Tax Assistance Program. The Tax Program is one of 24 programs funded by the United Way of Jasper County and served 432 clients across Jasper county in 2011. The program provides assistance in preparing income taxes for those who cannot afford to pay a tax professional and are unable to prepare returns themselves. The tax aid service is for residents of Jasper County who are middle or low income, with special attention to those over age 60. The program operates in the DMACC building every Wednesday (1st come/1st serve) & Tuesday/Thursday (by appointment) from 9am-4pm beginning in February & running through April 15th. County residents can call 792-6433 to schedule an appointment.



Underneath everything we are, underneath everything we do.
We are all people. Connected. Interdependent. United.
And when we reach out a hand to one,
we can influence the condition of all.

That's what it means to Live United.

Thank You for Living United in Jasper County!