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EDUCATION

Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas
Boys & Girls Club of the Brazos Valley
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Boy Scouts - Sam Houston Area Council
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FINANCIAL STABILITY

Brazos Valley Community Action Agency
Brazos Valley Food Bank
Family Promise B/CS
Son-Shine Outreach Center
Project Unity
Twin City Mission
Washington Co. Healthy Living Assoc.

HEALTH

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American Red Cross
Brazos Valley Council on Alcohol & Substance Abuse
Brazos Valley Rehabilitation Center
CASA for Kids - Washington Co.
Faith Mission
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Health for All
MHMR Authority of Brazos Valley
Sexual Assault Resource Center
Scotty's House
Texas Ramp Project
The Prenatal Clinic
Voices for Children

How can I help?

GIVE

The workplace campaign is the easiest and most powerful way to invest in your community. Your gift, when combined with others, makes the greatest impact possible. You can choose to give an unrestricted gift to the United Way of the Brazos Valley or you may designate your donation to a funded partner agency.

ADVOCATE

You can make change happen with your voice. Get informed. Tell your friends. Write a letter to the editor or your legislator. United Way of the Brazos Valley needs people who are passionate about education, financial stability and health to be a voice for solutions that will change lives.

VOLUNTEER

Give an hour. Consider joining a United Way Community Impact Committee focusing on Education, Financial Stability or Health. Other volunteer opportunities are available at www.volunteerbrazosvalley.org.

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TOGETHER WE CAN CHANGE LIVES IN THE BRAZOS VALLEY



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Making an Impact in the Brazos Valley

In June 2010, United Way of the Brazos Valley conducted a **community needs assessment**, asking residents to help us determine our focus in the coming years. The assessment provided a compass for the areas to place our focus: **Education, Financial Stability and Health**. Then, in **January 2011**, committees determined goals for each area:

EDUCATION

Helping youth and adults achieve their potential through education that leads to a stable job.

- support school readiness
- increase high school success
- connect to college or vocational training
- connect to community resources

FINANCIAL STABILITY

Helping the community become financially stable now and through retirement

- promote coordination among service providers
- respond to community members in crisis by providing safety net services
- increase awareness of and access to effective financial education and coaching

HEALTH

Helping people make healthy lifestyle choices and obtain affordable health care, while providing a safe community

- create an environment where everyone can be healthy and safe
- increase opportunities to participate in healthy behaviors
- promote safe and healthy choices across the lifespan
- provide affordable and/or accessible health care



2-1-1 Texas/United Way

2-1-1 Texas is a free information and referral line, answered by nationally certified specialists 24 hours a day, seven days a week. When callers dial 2-1-1, they are connected to the 2-1-1 center in their region. Trained experts have access to a comprehensive database of community-based organizations, government agencies and nonprofits in Texas. Information can be provided in more than 90 languages, including services for the hearing impaired. In 2010, our 2-1-1 took over 40,000 calls and expects to surpass that number for 2011.

2-1-1 Texas is a partnership between the State of Texas Health & Human Services and United Way of the Brazos Valley.



Volunteer Center

Nonprofits in the Brazos Valley need thousands of volunteers every year to accomplish their work. At the same time, people of all ages want to get involved but don't know how.

The Volunteer Center website is a searchable database that provides easy access to a range of **volunteer opportunities at nonprofit agencies, local government and educational agencies serving the Brazos Valley**. We link people who want to get involved with their community to places where their time, talent and interests can be best utilized.

The Volunteer Center is a partnership between the United Way of the Brazos Valley and the Brazos Valley Council of Governments.

www.volunteerbrazosvalley.org

Individual Development Accounts (IDAs)

IDAs are matched savings accounts for low-to-moderate income families. Participants also receive financial education for budgeting, credit management, and banking. Participants can save for 1 of 3 goals: 1) to buy a home; 2) to further education; or 3) to start a small business. At the end of the savings period, money will be matched 2:1. That means, if a client saves \$2,000, it is matched with \$4,000, for a total of \$6,000.

\$2000 + \$4000 = \$6000

(YOUR \$) + (IDA \$) = (More \$)

IDA is an initiative between United Way of the Brazos Valley, the Brazos Valley Community Action Agency and Citi Bank.



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