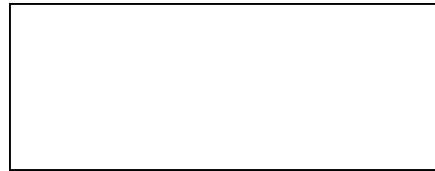


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**HOW TO LIVE UNITED IN LEE COUNTY:
JOIN HANDS. OPEN YOUR HEART. LEND YOUR MUSCLE.
FIND YOUR VOICE. GIVE 10%. GIVE 100%. GIVE 110%.
GIVE AN HOUR. GIVE A SATURDAY. THINK OF WE BEFORE ME.
REACH OUT A HAND TO ONE AND INFLUENCE THE
CONDITION OF ALL. GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.**

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 **Campaign Corner**

The 2008-2009 Campaign is off to a good start! So far we have “rounded up” 42% of our 1 million dollar goal. Don’t miss out on your opportunity to “partner up” and help out. We can always use volunteers! Also, be sure to join us at the United Way building each Tuesday morning at 8 a.m. for our Round Up meetings. You don’t want to miss out on the fun!

A Note from the Executive Director:

LIVE UNITED! Give. Advocate. Volunteer. It takes all three of these components to advance the common good. At this time of year, our focus is on financial giving. It is through your gifts that services are provided to those in need in our community. By reaching out a hand to one, we are influencing the condition of all. We know that these are difficult economic times in our country. We also know that when times are tough it hits our seniors and those on low and fixed incomes the hardest. We see the needs in our community continue to rise and we desperately desire your contributions to help us meet those needs. It won’t take a major sacrifice. It will just take each of us doing our part and it will happen. You can be a part of improving people’s lives in Lee County. Together, *united*, we can inspire hope and create opportunities for a better tomorrow. That’s what it means to **LIVE UNITED**.

-Becky Benton

Food Bank of East Alabama

The United States is wrestling with the worst food inflation in 17 years. Recent news reports indicate milk prices are up 20 percent, eggs 19 percent and bread 11 percent at area grocery stores versus the same time last year. These products represent core food items typically bought on a weekly basis at the neighborhood grocer. Combine these increases with recent gasoline price increases, home foreclosures, and increasing electric bills...we have a significant recipe for disaster for many of our neighbors. Essentially, many Alabamians are living below the federal poverty level or are on a fixed income and don’t have the financial capacity to absorb financial challenges.



How do families finding themselves in this situation deal with it? They turn to the Food Bank or one of the more than 180 agency partners we work with for food assistance. Our ability to continue to serve the growing need is only possible because of the support we receive from the community.

For more information on the Food Bank of East Alabama, call (334) 821-9006.

Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.

**National Kidney Foundation of Alabama
Adrienne's Story**

Adrienne Ross is a nine year old heart transplant recipient. While waiting for her heart she was residing on the 5th floor of the UAB Hospital. Instead of just sitting around being sick, she decided to attend the 2008 Transplant Games. After her mom, Janice, and her Child Life Therapist, Jane Love, told her that each potential athlete needed to raise \$600 to defray their cost to attend the games she, with their help, set up a lemonade stand on the Pediatric heart floor. Just like any kid, she sings out loud "Lemonade 50 cents and for a dollar I'll throw in a cookie!" She has already raised her money and is now working to raise money for other team members. Adrienne's story and her courage have brought media attention to Transplantation, The National Kidney Foundation and the Transplant Games. Through her lemonade stand in each interview she very strongly states: "Please donate—be an organ donor. A lot of people don't think about being an organ donor until they or their child gets sick. Be an organ donor."



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For more information about the National Kidney Foundation of Alabama, call (334) 396-9870.

The smallest good deed is better than the grandest good intention.



**At the Last Minute:
Auburn City Schools Dental Clinic**

Ronald was a senior at Auburn High School who had great plans for graduation. Unfortunately his teeth had been hurting him for some time. He and his family had experienced financial difficulties that prevented him from going to the dentist. Ronald had no dental insurance after his parents' divorce.

Ronald's mother was a Southern Union nursing student. She took Donald for treatment at Dr. Keith Thompson's dental office in Opelika. Ronald had

very deep cavities. The expense to treat Ronald's dental issues would be difficult for his mother. Dr. Thompson referred Ronald to the ACS Dental Clinic to determine if he could qualify for treatment there. The ACS Dental Clinic staff worked quickly to determine eligibility and to acquire his application so that treatment could be scheduled at the last minute.

Ronald was the last student to receive dental treatment at the ACS Dental Clinic for the 2007/2008 school year. Dr. Thompson was working in the dental clinic on this day and was able to complete Ronald's much needed dental work. Ronald would graduate from AHS one week later, diploma in hand and cavity free.

For more information on the ACS Dental Clinic, call (334) 887-1926.

There never was a person who did anything worth doing who did not receive more than he gave.

Community Matters!

The Food Bank of East Alabama is a distribution center committed to feeding the hungry by dispersion of donated food through qualified agencies such as soup kitchens, shelters and pantries.

The National Kidney Foundation of Alabama provides services that detect, treat and eradicate kidney and urinary tract diseases and improve patients lives.

Auburn City Schools Dental Clinic provides dental care to needy students in grades K thru 12. This enhances student attendance, academic performance, and overall health and wellness.



Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can.

-John Wesley

Living United in Lee County

- Achievement Center (334) 745-3501
- AIDS Outreach of EAMC (334) 887-5244
- Alabama Child Caring Foundation (887) 220-5929
- American Red Cross, Lee Co. (334) 749-9981
- Andrew Willis Fund (334) 737-1163
- Auburn Schools Dental Clinic (334) 887-1926
- Auburn Day Care Centers (334) 821-4060
- Auburn Dixie Youth Baseball (334) 501-2930
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Lee Co. (334) 502-1311
- Boys Scouts, Chattahoochee Council (706) 327-2634
- Child Advocacy Center (334) 705-0770
- Child Care Resource Center (334) 749-8400
- Community Connections / 211 (334) 749-5589 or 211
- Community Market of EAFB (334) 749-8844
- Crisis Center of Lee County (334) 821-8600
- Dixie Youth Baseball of Opelika (334) 444-0657
- Domestic Violence Intervention Center (334) 749-1515
- EAMH-MR/Family & Children Services (334) 742-2112
- East Alabama Services for the Elderly (334) 826-5811
- Easter Seals, Lee County Chapter (334) 745-3501
- Food Bank of East Alabama (334) 821-9006
- Girl Scouts of Southern Alabama (334) 272-9164
- Greater Peace Child Development Center (334) 749-5555
- Hospice of EAMC (334) 826-1899
- Joyland Child Development Center (334) 821-7695
- Junior Achievement (334) 644-4900
- Lee County Literacy Coalition (334) 705-0001
- Lee County Youth Development Center (334) 745-0503
- National Kidney Foundation of Alabama (334) 265-1033
- Project Uplift (334) 844-4430
- Rape Counselors of East Alabama (334) 741-0707
- Salvation Army (334) 745-6459
- William Mason Emergency Fund (334) 745-5540

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