

United Way allocates 2014 funds

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Volunteers for the United Way of the Ohio Valley have allocated more than \$1.4 million raised last fall to 73 agencies and programs across Daviess, Hancock, McLean, Ohio, Union and Webster counties.

The money came from the 2014 United Way campaign.

President and CEO David Ross said the money raised by the United Way that comes into the area is overseen by volunteers "that invest it and basically allocate it to agencies and programs in three basic (areas) — education, financial stability and health."

Volunteers look at the needs of the community, the services provided by the agencies and the agency outcomes and fund the programs based on those factors as well as the financial needs and the management strengths, he said.

According to Ross, volunteers "can only allocate or invest those dollars that are pledged or already sent in. You can't spend what you don't have."

Compared to years past, Ross said "our campaigns were, overall, what we would call flat." While up in some counties and down in others, the totals were "just about the same."

Of the more than \$1.4 million invested in the region, the following allocations, totaling \$1,180,749, were made in Daviess County:

- American Red Cross, \$80,421
- Arc of Owensboro, \$58,977
- AACS - Early Head Start, \$84,859
- Boulware Mission, \$93,501
- Bold Promise Scholarship Fund, \$1,887
- Boy Scouts, Lincoln Heritage Council, \$58,000
- Building Stronger Families, \$10,000
- Cliff Hagan Boys and Girls Club, \$139,570
- Daviess County Senior Services, \$39,672
- Foster Grandparent Program, \$20,640
- Girls Incorporated, \$143,271
- H.L. Neblett Community Center, \$117,376

- Hospice of Western Kentucky, \$42,145
- Mary Kendall Campus, \$31,211
- Mentor Kids Kentucky, \$32,000
- New Beginnings, \$23,712
- OASIS, \$46,688
- Owensboro Family YMCA, \$58,000
- Retired Senior Volunteer Program, \$12,130
- Salvation Army, \$61,920
- Senior Companion Program, \$24,769.

According to the release, the 2015 United Way campaign begins soon. Those interested in participating should contact the United Way of the Ohio Valley at 270-684-0668 or visit uwov.org.

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