

United Way honors campaign donors

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The United Way of the Ohio Valley recognized donors to its 2014 campaign during an awards reception Thursday morning at the National Guard Armory.

The organization raised \$1,622,558 in its 2014 campaign.

"Whether you gave your time or your talent, your financial resources or contributed in another way, I want to thank for your efforts to make Daviess County a stronger community," said outgoing chairman Barry Carden, who is the circulation director for the Messenger-Inquirer.

That number is slightly below the \$1.75 million goal the organization set in August, but still "extremely awesome" and "a lot of money for our community," Carden said.

Owensboro Health received the Campaign Chairman's Award for the greatest overall achievement in the current campaign. Their employee campaign netted \$208,495 for United Way.

"Our organization and our employees have a long standing tradition of caring for the community," Owensboro Health campaign manager Collette Carter said. "I think this is ... a really good example of the true magnitude and what caring for the community is.

"A lot of folks, in their jobs and outside their jobs, give back. It's important to them. We have a lot of passionate employees that are touched by agencies for various reasons, they see a lot of folks that are touched ... by agencies. It's a great opportunity for employees to rally around and really give back."

Other recognitions include:

- President's Award, given to employee groups that have attained the highest average gift per employee for the community: Swedish Match North America (employing 300+), Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline (employing 100-299), Old National Bank (employing 25-99) and the Public Life Foundation (employing fewer than 25)
- Louise P. Gipe Memorial Award, given to the employee group whose significant increases in giving and participation reflect sincere concern for their fellow man: U.S. Bank and Home Mortgage
- Community Spirit Award, given to employee groups with sustained per capita giving at the \$50 level and above for two consecutive years: Alexander & Company CPAs, Atmos Energy Corporation, BB&T, Boardwalk Pipeline Partners, Boulware Mission, Budweiser of Owensboro, Century 21 Partners, Cliff Hagan Boys and Girls Club, Ebelhar Whitehead, Fifth Third Bank, Girls Incorporated of Owensboro, Goodwill Industries, Green River Area Development District, Hendrick Screen Company, Hospice of Western Kentucky, Independence Bank, Ken-Tron Manufacturing & USW Local 9443-05, Kimberly-Clark, Mary Kendall Campus, MentorKids Kentucky, MPD, New Beginnings, Oasis, Old National Bank,

Owensboro Municipal Utilities, Peoplemark, Republic Bank and Trust Company, Riney, Hancock CPAs, South Central Bank, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Swedish Match North America, Tapscott's, the Arc of Owensboro, the Salvation Army, Tom Blue Furniture, UPS, U.S. Bank and Home Mortgage Company, WaxWorks.

- Gold Award certificates, given to groups who experienced triple-digit increases in giving: Owensboro Riverport Authority and Real Living Home Realty.
- Silver Award certificates, given to companies whose employee giving experienced a double-digit percentage increase during the 2014 campaign: Daviess County Fiscal Court, Daviess County Senior Services, Goodwill Industries, Hendrick Screen Company, Hospice of Western Kentucky, Ken-Tron Manufacturing and USW Local 9443-05, Kentucky Wesleyan College, Macy's Store #658, Mary Kendall Campus, MentorKids Kentucky, New Beginnings, Oasis, Riney, Hancock CPAs, The Arc of Owensboro, UPS, and U.S. Bank and Home Mortgage.

The United Way contributes to 21 nonprofit organizations and programs serving Daviess County.

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