

DID YOU KNOW?

A Few Tid-Bits You Can Use in Your Campaign

- When a child is the victim of a crime, the [Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse](#) steps in to support the child and the family with in-home services and guidance.
- [Aldersgate Mission](#) teaches children about real-life business. The children learn how to create greeting cards and then sell the cards to earn money for their program.
- Girl Scouting in the School Day, a cooperative partnership between [Girl Scouts](#) of Gulf Pines Council and area schools, provides youth development activities for girls during the regular school day. The program is currently in operation in 45 schools, representing 60% of total scout membership. These girls might not otherwise be able to participate in scouting.
- Last year, [Christian Services](#) fed over 127,000 daily meals in its free “soup kitchen.”
- In 2007, [Hattiesburg Area Habitat for Humanity](#) built its first-ever neighborhood park complete with children’s swings, a pavilion and a basketball court.
- [L.I.F.E. of South Mississippi](#) was able to provide services to almost 400 disabled individuals last year to help them live independently.
- An impressive 117 [Boy Scouts](#) in the Pine Burr Area Council earned the honorable rank of Eagle Scout last year.
- The [South Central Mississippi chapter of American Red Cross](#) provides the emergency communication for our military. For example, your United Way dollars help pay for a family to contact their son in Iraq if an emergency situation occurs, such as a death in the family.
- [ARC](#) has over 100 special needs children participate in its Summer Adventures program, where they go bowling, go swimming and take field trips thanks to the help of many volunteers and United Way donations.
- Youth in [DREAM](#)’s drug-free youth groups completed 25,000 hours of community service last year!
- Over 300 children were mentored by a positive role model through [Big Brothers Big Sisters](#) last year, but sadly about 20 children are consistently on the waiting list for a mentor.
- [The Salvation Army](#) does much more than disaster relief and seasonal assistance. The Salvation Army is also a church. It has worship services every Sunday and Bible studies every Wednesday.
- Thanks to help from United Way funds, [The Family Y](#) does not turn anyone away because of inability to pay. Last year, over \$400,000 in financial assistance was provided.
- Over 2,000 crisis calls were answered by the [Domestic Abuse Family Shelter](#) hotline last year.

- In early 2008, [R³SM](#) (Recover, Rebuild, Restore Southeast Mississippi) spun off to become a separate United Way agency. In addition to home repairs, R³SM has built 5 new homes and purchased 9 mobile homes for Hurricane Katrina victims in Forrest, Lamar and Perry counties.
- The [DuBard School for Language Disorders](#) helps children with severe hearing/communication disorders, so they may one day return to their local school districts. Last year, 20 students improved their communication skills enough to return to their local school districts. (That's 25% of the total full-time enrollment.)
- In Mississippi, 100,000 grandchildren are being raised by about 49,000 grandparents. The [Pinebelt Association for Families](#) is the only program in the area which provides services to relatives (mainly grandparents) raising grandchildren. Services include outreach, counseling, group activities, etc.
- If a homicide occurs in a person's home, the [Shafer Center for Crisis Intervention](#) will provide crime scene clean-up after the police investigation, so that family members will not have to deal with this emotional task.
- [The Carpenter's Helper](#) allows elderly or disadvantaged people to remain in their own homes by improving their living conditions, such as making ceiling repairs or fixing fallen porches, etc.
- [The Children's Center for Communication and Development](#) does not charge for any of its services. Infants and toddlers who may not be able to speak or sit or stand on their own learn through speech therapy and/or physical and occupational therapy.
- [South Mississippi Children's Center](#) operates Project Safe Place. Youth can go to several designated Safe Place locations across the community if they have run away or are in a crisis situation. They are then connected with the South Mississippi Children's Center. Last year, 13 children utilized the Safe Place program and were housed at the shelter.
- Last year, [Christian Services](#) fed almost 53,000 meals through its Meals on Wheels program for home-bound senior citizens.
- [L.I.F.E. of South Mississippi](#) will build wheelchair ramps or provide roll-in showers for disabled people in wheelchairs.
- As part of the victim advocacy program of the [Domestic Abuse Family Shelter](#), 100% of domestic abuse victims will receive personal/legal advocacy. And next year, calls for victim advocacy services are expected to rise by 25%.
- In 2007, 98 families received Christmas presents and household goods through the [American Red Cross's](#) Adopt-a-Fire-Family program
- [United Way of Southeast Mississippi](#) funds venture grants to partner or non-partner agencies. Venture grants are one-time grants that can be used to begin a new non-profit program or strengthen a program at an existing agency. Many local agencies got their start by first receiving United Way venture grants, such as Big Brothers Big Sisters and Habitat for Humanity.