

2010 Report to the Community

United Way of Island County Community Plan Creating the opportunities for a good life for all by focusing on:

Education

Helping Children and Youth Achieve Their Potential

- 3,973 youth learned healthy youth development of personal values, character and self-worth.
- 60 teens and preteens were served through after school activities that were at a safe, positive and fun environment. .
- 180 youth involved with caring youth mentors
- 276 children, ages 0-3, progressed in motor, communications, cognitive, social-emotional and self help skills.
- 188 children were in quality child care, getting strong early leaning experiences so they will start school ready to succeed.

Income

Promoting Financial Stability and Independence

- 675 residents received quality legal help who otherwise have no local access to justice.
- 325 low-income school age children received back to school backpacks so they will be ready for school success
- 100 gas vouchers were issued to Island County residents so they could look for employment.
- 30 families received emergency shelter
- 20 families placed in transitional housing, 75% of those obtain permanent housing
- 150 families received homeless prevention (rental assistance)
- 5 new “green” built homes were built for qualifying families

Health

Improve People’s Health

- 1,600 residents received mental health services to maintain or increase their level of functioning.
- 7,085 baskets of food were distributed to 18,927 individuals.
- 85,000 nutritional meals were served to low-income seniors who may otherwise not be able to afford meals.
- 400 seniors participated in health, wellness and fitness programs.

**MISSION: MOBILIZE COMMUNITY RESOURCES TO MEASURABLY
IMPROVE PEOPLE'S LIVES.**

Collaborative Efforts

- Foundation for Early Learning Grant
- Thrive By 5 Grant
- Children's Day (September 25, 2010)
- Kindergarten Readiness Calendar (fall 2010)
- Kindergarten Jump Start Packet (summer 2010)
- Partners for Youth Children: Island County Children's Commission with Island County Health Department, Sno-Isle Library, Toddler Learning Center, DSHS, Oak Harbor School District, South Whidbey School District, South Whidbey Children's Center, NW Head Start, ECEAP
- Starting Strong Conference (August 2009)
- Navy League: Military Appreciation Day (September) and Marine/Sailor of the Year (December)
- National Night Out (August), planning committee
- Community Advisory Board (CAB) Oak Harbor Police Department and City of Oak Harbor
- Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce: Nominated for Non-Profit of Year
- United Ways of Washington- Cathy Niiro on Executive Board and United Ways Day on the Hill in Olympia (February)
- Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) of Island County – Received National Recognition at the White House, June 28, 2010 for largest increase in donations (27%) second in the nation for CFC's with \$1,000,000 or less in revenues.
- FamilyWize Prescription Drug Savings Card Program
- Family Resource Guide with the Whidbey News-Times
- Federal Emergency Food and Shelter Program, Administrator
- 2-1-1 Information and Referral

