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March 2020 Newsletter

We all love SUCCESS Stories!
Here are some from our agencies:

Recently the **Hopkins County Family YMCA** (A United Way Agency) was contacted regarding offering services for two children ages 9 and 11. Their mother was out of work and they were staying at **The Salvation Army Shelter** (A United Way Agency). The mother found a job and the YMCA gave a scholarship for the children to attend a YMCA offsite After-school Program at no charge. The program also gives children an after-school snack. In addition, the YMCA physically walks these two children to the city bus stop which allows the mother to sign out the children while staying on the bus and saving her money. Numerous United Way organizations came together to help this family. And United Way funding helps make it possible. It was a total community effort! The school recognized the issue and pulled the organizations together. So proud of our United Way! This community and the United Way of the Coalfield wrapped its arms around this family in its most destitute of times. *Congratulations to the YMCA for receiving the Non-Profit of the Year at the Hopkins County Regional Chamber of Commerce Evening of Stars!*



An elderly couple in Hopkins County receives home delivered meals five days a week. The husband is a couple amputee and the wife suffers from crippling arthritis in her hands and arms. Without their noon meal, this couple would find it impossible to stay in their own home. This couple depends on PACS home delivered meals and the visits and smiles from staff who deliver their meals!

Hope2All (in Nortonville and Drakesboro) provides food for needy families. Last year in Hopkins County 17,604 people were assisted through 6,007 food boxes. In Drakesboro, 21,741 people were served by providing 9,167 boxes of food. A little boy was leaving the Nortonville site with his mother and their box of food. He said to her, "We get some supper tonight Mom!"

The Drakesboro site is now offering work and education assistance for a GED. **Larry Chandler** is the volunteer Executive Director. **Debra Gorham** is the Project Lead Volunteer.



CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) one of our agencies is now

providing services in Muhlenberg County. CASA is also providing services in Webster and Crittenden counties as well. They assist abused and neglected children using volunteer child advocates. Any child that has a CASA volunteer is better off than their counterparts that did not have a voice in court. 96% of the children served are **not re-abused**. Eight children achieved permanency in the first six months of the past grant period and were permanently placed with a relative. The money the United Way has allotted is being used to create a website for their agency. This will allow those interested in volunteering with CASA the opportunity to learn more about CASA and submit an application.



OLD NATIONAL BANK

Thanks to **Old National Bank Madisonville** for their corporate gift of \$4,000!

Thanks to **Bruce and Company, PSC** for gifts totaling \$1525.00 to date!

Campaigns are being held at each school in Muhlenberg County. Thanks **Penny Roberts**, Elementary Supervisor for coordinating this!

Mayor Mike Jones of Drakesboro is planning to do a city campaign! Go Mike!



Employees at **Independence and Hancock Bank** have completed their campaigns bringing in a total of \$1,816.25. Thanks!

Our total United Way monies raised to date is \$190,552 which represents 59% of our goal of \$135,000. Numerous companies are now just beginning their campaigns. Good luck to all. Every amount makes a difference! We are on a mission to break the cycle of poverty. It cannot happen with you! **Make a CHANGE!**



If you order from Amazon, be sure to order through the Amazon Smile webpage. Go to [Amazon Smile](#). From there you can choose United Way of the Coalfield as your non-profit charity. **Amazon donates 0.5%** of the price of your eligible Amazon-Smile purchase.



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Purchases at Kroger. Go to <http://www.kroger.com>. Search for the United Way of the Coalfield either by name or our number UR497 and click enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information.

Interagency Council of Hopkins County Agency Information

Dee Padgett, Office Manager of the United Way of the Coalfield, also serves as Secretary of the Inter-agency Council of Hopkins County. News items from the Interagency Council meetings are added to benefit our United Way agencies and our readers.

Pennyrile Allied Community Services

(PACS): The crisis component of LIHEAP operates from early January until the middle of March, or until all funds are expended. Clients



must meet the criteria and be in a crisis involving imminent loss of heating energy. Applicants must

provide a utility disconnect notice; have four or fewer days' worth of fuel oil, propane, kerosene, wood or coal available; or, have received an eviction notice citing unpaid rent. This also applies to applicants whose heating costs are included as an undesignated portion of the rent. Households at or above 75% of poverty level must pay a portion or co-payment of the minimum amount necessary to alleviate the crisis. For income guidelines go to [Low Income Home Energy Assistance](#). Hopkins County individuals can apply at the PACS office located at 130 Branch St., Madisonville, 270-821-8114. A photo ID of household members over 18 is required along with proof of income for the previous month.

St. Vincent DePaul is an outreach ministry of the Catholic Church. The Clothing store is open from 9 am – 3 pm Mon thru Fri. An in store assistant can give vouchers for clothing, gas and food from 9 – 11 am. and can also make appointments for utilities and rent. In 2019 approximately \$90,000 was given in assistance. Assistance is limited to \$100 per family per year.

The next Interagency Council meeting is **March 3 at the Hopkins Co Health Dept. Annex at 12 Noon.** Representatives from Health First Community Health Centers will be presenting. Lunch will be provided.

The Salvation Army can assist with Atmos Energy bills through The Salvation Army headquarters. However, the monies cannot be used to pay for a deposit. Other utility assistance is given for qualifying individuals when funds are available. The Cold Weather Shelter is open from Oct.15 – March 31 from 6 pm – 7 am. When the temperature is below 32 degrees, individuals can spend the day at the Shelter.

The following agencies can receive a voucher to get an **ID at the Hopkins County Court Clerk's Office:** Common Garments in Nebo, KY, The Salvation Army, and St. Vincent de Paul. Applicants must present a Social Security card and a piece of mail proving residence. If none of these are available, individuals can go to their medical provider and get a certified copy of the front page of their medical records that show their social security number and birthdate.

HANDS (Health – Access – Nurturing – Development – Services) at the Hopkins County Health Dept. is accepting additional clients. HANDS is a voluntary program for new and expectant parents. Families begin by meeting with a HANDS Parent Visitor who will discuss any questions or concerns about pregnancy or a baby's first years. Based on this discussion, all families will receive information and learn about resources available in the community for new parents. Some families will receive further support through home visitation. This is not an income-based program. For more information contact Jackie Henderson 270-821-5242.



WellCare can pay for Boy/Girl Scout uniforms. For additional information call 877-389-9457.