



REACHING OUT

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Just for today: An act of kindness costs me nothing, but is priceless to the recipient. I will be kind to someone today.

Memorial gift of \$50.00 for R. R. Traylor from Carl & Catherine Anderson

Joyce Richmond CASA Director of the Year

MCUW
Vision Statement
"Created to Serve,
Committed to Care"

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Thank You to all our Donors, Volunteers, and Agencies!!!

Odds & Ends



Upcoming Events

—Economic Action Committee—

Annual Thanksgiving luncheon for seniors will be held Nov 13 at 11:00 am at the Bay City Service Center.

—MEHOP—

Will be participating in the Greater Houston Mobile Health Forum Nov. 14th.

--Matagorda County Hospital District-

United Way Agency Fair November 15. 11-1:00 pm in the MCHD lobby.

—MEHOP—

Market Days vitamin program Nov. 16th Bay City Court House Square.

—Matagorda County United Way—

Quarterly Board Meeting **Nov. 19**, 6:00 pm IBC Bank (Second Floor Board Room).

— Interagency CRCGF Meeting —

Nov. 20, & Dec. 18, at 9:00 am at the Railroad Depot on Avenue G. Call 245-5852 for more information.

—Bay City Day Care—

Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon for the children will be Nov 21, 11:00—1:00pm at the Day Care.

—CASA Volunteer Training—

Volunteer Training coming up. Please call 245-4958 for more information.

—Salvation Army—

Seeking families to adopt children for Christmas. Look for the Angel tree at Wal-Mart or call 244-1777 for more information.

—Economic Action Committee—

Annual Christmas luncheon for seniors will be held Dec 11th at 11:00 am at the Bay City Service Center.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

The following Non-profits can use a little help!

- **American Red Cross** can always use assistance in teaching CPR classes, Life guarding, First Aid Basics, Emergency drill support, office help, etc. please contact 245-3056 if you would like to get involved.
- **Bay City Community Food Pantry** is in need of volunteers to help stock shelves, pack up & hand out food, write small articles for church bulletins, organize files, food drives, etc. Call 244-1777 for more details.
- **Bay City Day Care** is seeking help in preparing new building for older children. Call 245-9641 to assist.
- **CASA—Court Appointed Special Advocates** are always looking for children advocates to assist with abused children caught up in legal battles. Free intense training classes for volunteer advocates. Call 245-4958 for more information.
- **Crisis Center** needs assistance in moving to their new location. They have regular volunteers who answer their 24-hour Crisis hotline. They are in need of any donated items for sale in the resale shop. Call 245-9109 to get involved.
- **Friends of Elder Citizens** need volunteers to help with special events, help fix up a courtyard area , assisting their clients in maintaining independence, etc. Call 245-7400 or (361) 972-9921 if you have a few hours to spare.
- **Economic Actions Committee** often needs help in organizing large food distribution, making phone calls, painting, assisting elderly in many areas, etc. Call 245-6901 or 245-3250 to help out.
- **Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc.** is in need of volunteers to help around the building, tutors for their classes, and babysitting while parents learn, etc. For details call 244-9544.
- **MC Association for Retarded Citizens** needs volunteers to assist in the teaching of clients, organizing special events, tilling their garden, and finding jobs for the clients. Call 245-5833 for more details.
- **Matagorda County United Way** is in need of volunteers for the campaign committee. This committee is responsible for running the annual campaign. Any ideas, legwork, speakers, etc. is helpful not only to United Way, but to each of the funded non-profits of the County. Call 245-5852 for more information.
- **Matagorda County United Way (HELPLINE)** needs volunteers to help repair homes for our senior and disabled citizens around the county. We have small or large projects. Groups of any size are welcome. Help a Neighbor. We also need Campaign Committee volunteers to help with brainstorming meetings during the fall. Call 245-5852 to participate.
- **MEHOP - Matagorda Episcopal Hospital Outreach Program** needs volunteers to go to rural sites as hostesses, and other special event volunteers. Call 245-2008 to get involved.
- **Robert Duran Caring & Sharing Food Pantry** needs volunteers to assist in food sorting, shelving, boxing up and delivery to the homebound. Call 361-972-6355 to help out.
- **Salvation Army-Bay City** is in need of volunteers to help assist hanging up clothing, reorganizing & sorting sale items on a daily, weekly, hourly basis. Of course any items you would like to donate can be used to assist those in need or to sell to help assist other clients. Call 244-1777 to volunteer or for more info.
- **Teen Court** needs Adults willing to be judges and jury monitors on Tuesday evenings 5-7 pm. Teens are also needed for jurors, prosecutors, and defense attorneys as well. Call 245-1401 for details.

HAPPENINGS at the Matagorda County United Way Office

MCUW continues to work on several collaborative events, committees, and projects.

- **Boost America** — About 15 Child Safety Booster Seats are still available for low-income families with children weighing 40-80 pounds. For more information please call 245-5852 or come by the MCUW office at 2417 Avenue G in Bay City.
- **Web Presence**—We have been working closely with the Matagorda Area Network volunteers to get a web presence not only for MCUW but also for the other social service organizations in the County. Our site is now available at www.man-net.org then select social services then united way.
- **CHIP**—Children’s Health Insurance Program registration forms are now available at the MCUW office at 2417 Ave G in Bay City or 245-5852 for more information.
- **Options Program**—Registration forms are available at the MCUW office for the Options for Independent Living program. This program can sometimes help with small home repairs, shower chairs, medication assistance, etc. These services are provided for seniors living on a limited budget.

- **Interagency CRCGF Council**— Meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 9:00 am at the Railroad Depot. Time is set aside monthly actually helping citizens of the County by active Case Management to find services needed for individuals. Please call 245-5852 to be added to the mail list.
- **Fundraising** — The 2002-2003 Campaign activities are underway. Currently seeking individuals to help contact businesses of the County who are not currently participating with United Way.
- **Grant Collaborations**—We continue to collaborate with Community organizations in grant searches, writing proposals, support letters, etc. If these succeed it will bring outside dollars back into the County for much needed services.
- **Luker Pharmacy** — patient assistance program applications is now available at the MCUW office. This program can help with medications for low-income individuals.
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—HELPLINE—

MCUW Information & Referral service is not only an information source. We are doing a lot more case management. Which means helping seniors and disabled fill out government forms, CHIP enrollment forms, and prescription enrollment forms, as well as researching other services and alternatives.

Recent HELPLINE success stories:

1. A Bay City resident living on a limited income was recently accepted in the Patient Assistance Program through Pfizer Pharmaceuticals.
- 2.

Your Gift helps citizens of Matagorda County!

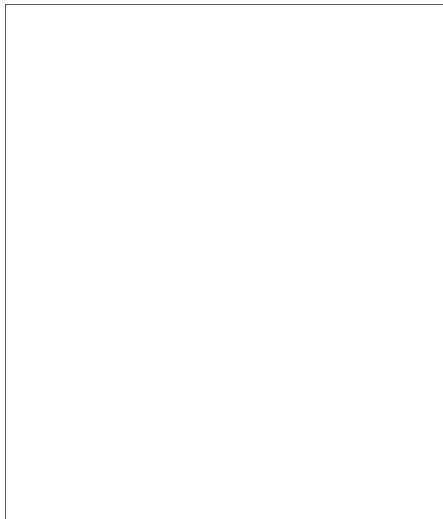
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Yes! I want to Help with the 2002-2003 Campaign!

My one time donation is \$ _____
 I wish to Leave a Legacy by making a Memorial gift in the name of: _____
 I wish to Leave a Legacy by making an Honorary gift in the name of: _____ I
 wish to Leave a Legacy by making a Commemorative gift in the name of: _____
 I wish to donate stock or other property (Please contact me.) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

(Gifts to Matagorda County United Way are 100% tax-deductible. Memorial, Honorary, and Commemorative gifts will be placed in our Leave a Legacy Endowment. Contact your local office for further details.)



**MCUW
Mission Statement**
“Meeting the health and
human service needs of
the Community.”

**Have you remembered
us in your will?
Charitable bequests
offer lasting support
to United Way and
funded agencies
throughout our
community**

- WISH LIST**
- Group or individuals to help organize a 5-K fun run/walk to help raise funds for our 22 funded Community Care Agencies.
 - A few individuals to help make prospect calls on businesses not currently involved with United Way.

Local Support Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous Support Group (979) 245-6499

Meets at 2701 Ave. H in Bay City Mon.-Sat. 12:00 noon and Sunday, Monday, & Thursday at 8:00 pm.

Al-Non Support Group (979) 245-6499

Support group for family members of alcoholics meets at 2701 Avenue H in Bay City Mondays & Thurs. at 7:00 pm.

American Cancer Society Group (979) 244-2265

Meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the First National Bank Building in Bay City.

Caregivers Support Group (979) 241-6900 or 241-6383

For individuals caring for elderly. Meets Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30 pm at the Avenue H side of the Hospital. First Floor Senior Phases entrance.

Diabetic Support Group (979) 245-7800

Matagorda House at the Legacy -500 wing day room- 6:00 pm second Thursday of each month.

Domestic Violence Support Groups (979) 245-9109

- *Matagorda group meets at the United Methodist Church from 2:30-3:30 pm the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month.
- *Palacios support group meets at Solid Rock Fellowship from 11:00 am-12:00 noon every 1st & 3rd Thursday.
- *Wharton domestic violence support group meets at The Work Source in Wharton from 6:00-8:00 pm every Tuesday.
- *Bay City domestic violence support group meets at 2805 4th St. from 6:00-8:00 pm every Thursday.

Fibromyalgia, Rheumatoid Arthritis , and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Support Group (979) 245-7891

Meets the first Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm at the Bay House auditorium at The Legacy.

Grief Support Fellowship (979) 245-3778

St. Peters Lutheran at 9th & Nichols in Bay City at 6:30 pm the 2nd & 4th Mon. of the Month. (Babysitting is available).

4th Quarter Donors

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

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