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Summer 2010

Letter from our Executive Director, Megan Timpany

As I look out my office window and watch the rain drops fall it is hard for me to believe it is almost June. Summer is slowly approaching and here at United Way we have been busy making positive changes to Nevada County. Last week we held "Day of Action." It was a wonderful day of giving back to the community. Volunteers from all walks of life were out helping many different non-profits with their unique special projects. This was a true community experience. Projects such as building gardens, painting board rooms, sorting donated clothes and painting benches were just some of the special projects that were completed. This community really knows how to come together for those in need.

The past couple months have also been very busy at United Way as we have gone through the community investment funding cycle. Community members from all over the county have been very engaged in this process. This is an extensive process and involves many individuals. A big "Thank You" goes out to all of those who have been participating in that process. Within the next couple weeks our partner agencies will be receiving notification of this year's funding. The four areas that United Way of Nevada County will be allocating funds to are: Supporting youth development and strengthening families, Maintaining self sufficiency and independence, Resolving life threatening crisis, and Encouraging a drug-free Nevada County.

Every year United Way of Nevada County elects a new executive committee and goes through board recruitment. United Way of Nevada County's new Executive Committee for the year 2010-2011 is Rich Bulotti, Board President; Randy Schaffer, Board Vice President; Tammie Hamilton, Secretary ; and Kathy Mollet, Treasurer. I am very excited about working with my new executive committee and my wonderful board in this upcoming year. United Way of Nevada County would not be here if it wasn't for them.

We have several great events coming up. The 3rd annual Penny Pitch at Kane's takes place on June 19th and is an event not to be missed. On page two of this newsletter you will find more information about the Penny Pitch. The 4th annual BBQ Battle is also coming up in August. This fun event will take place on August 26th at the Holiday

Inn in Grass Valley. This is a great way to try some new BBQ, hear some great music and have fun with friends. This year's Raffle prize will include a week-long vacation stay at the Ke Iki Beach Bungalows on the north shore of Oahu, Hawaii. Tickets for this great raffle item are available at United Way throughout the months of June, July and August. They will also be available for purchase at the Penny Pitch. The winner of the Hawaiian vacation raffle will be drawn at the BBQ Battle on August 26th.

In this issue we have highlighted two success stories from two of our wonderful United Way partners. The partners that are highlighted in this issue are Neighborhood Center for the Arts and Sierra Senior Services. Both of these stories are about individuals who have been able to thrive because of a community that has come together to support them. Both of these United Way partners work very hard to help individuals in our county.

United Way of Nevada County has some very special contributors and we thank you for being there to help. Whether you give, advocate or volunteer you are making a difference. Thank You. Last year's campaign was up by 20%, however I have some real concerns about this year's campaign. Employees are getting laid off and the unemployment rate in Nevada County is over 12%. If you would like to get involved and make a difference this is the time to do it. United Way of Nevada County is making changes because we feel that Community Matters. If you would like to help this community please contact us. Together we can make a difference.

LIVE UNITED is a credo, a mission, a goal. It's a constant reminder that when we as individuals think outside ourselves, we have the power to facilitate change. When we think of others' lives as linked to our own, our compassion grows. When we reach out a hand to one, we influence the condition of all. We build the strength of our neighborhoods. We bolster the health of our communities. And we change the lives of those who walk by us every day. Together, united, we can inspire hope and create opportunities for a better tomorrow. Living united means being a part of the change.

Give. Advocate. Volunteer. Live United



United Way's new Board President Rich Bulotti, Jerry DeRego, Gordon Beatie, and Past President and Board Member, Don Daniels having fun at last year's BBQ Battle.



Help us top last year's total!!

Start a campaign or give a one time gift!

THE HISTORY OF NEVADA COUNTY'S PENNY PITCH



After years of active participation at the Washington Square Bar & Grill Penny Pitch in San Francisco, KNCO Representative, Joe Hevia, approached several long time friends, all Washington Square Bar & Grill Penny Pitch veterans, with the idea of Nevada County hosting such an event. Joe was greeted with great enthusiasm. Before you could say; "Penny Pitch", San Francisco natives, John Kane, Frank and Carolyn Machi, Judy and Tom O'Toole were being led to San Francisco for their last Penny Pitch in "The City" by Joe and his San Francisco native wife Dee. Pennies were pitched, and cocktails were had as Joe outlined his plans to bring a penny pitching charity event to Nevada County.

Nevada County's reputation for the generosity of its citizens is well documented. The first two events were extremely successful. The upcoming third annual Penny Pitch is to be held on June 19th 2010.

Thanks to the vision of Joe Hevia and the generosity of the people of the foothills the Penny Pitch is now fully established as a successful charity event; a tribute to all participants and the generosity of the citizens of Nevada County.

Kane's restaurant was to be the place. Nevada County United Way would be the beneficiary to the monies raised, and all participants were to have a great time and great food.

Come out and enjoy the fun, food and merriment at a now unique Nevada County event. Grab some pennies and let the pitching begin.

The first Penny Pitch was held on Saturday, June 21, 2008 the day of those monstrous lightning storms that hit Nevada County causing thousands of lightning strikes and hundreds of fires. Despite the fires, the 1st "Penny Pitch" was a very successful event. Megan Timpany, Executive Director, United Way of Nevada County was pleased to state, "Funds from the Penny Pitch were contributed to the United Way's impact fund to be used for allocations to United Way's partner agencies. These funds help to support the community of Nevada County in many ways including helping to resolve life threatening crisis."

**4th Annual
BBQ Battle
August 26th, 2010**



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Drawing to be held August 26th at the



Tri-Continent employees taking a break during "Day of Action" at their project site Child Advocates of Nevada County.

KUDOS!

A big THANK YOU! goes out to the following restaurant owners for generously hosting "Evening Outs" to benefit United Way of Nevada County. The owners donated 10% of all proceeds during the three evenings to United Way and our 20 Partner Agencies.

The events were very successful!

- Christina Werblow, Bobby & Mike Mcknight, owners of The Owl Grill & Saloon
- The Guerrero family, owners of Amigos & Co.

It's with friends like these that we're

DAY OF ACTION

United Way of Nevada County recently held our second annual "Day of Action" on May 6th. We'd like to thank the many volunteers and sponsors who helped make this day happen: Tri-Continent employees, BP Landscaping employees, JC Penney employees, Networked Insurance Agents employees, UPS employees, The Union Newspaper employees, United Way of Nevada County Board Members, 3R School, several NUHS Clubs, as well as many individuals. With friends like these, our community LIVES UNITED. It was great to see so many individuals from the community reaching out a hand to influence the condition of our wonderful community.

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OUR PARTNERS SHARE HOW THEY AND THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT FROM UNITED WAY FUNDS.

Sierra Senior Services

Sierra Senior Services is dedicated to improving the lives of seniors in the North Lake Tahoe and Truckee area.

One of our home delivered participants is a gentleman who relies exclusively on our agency for meals. Without our program he would not have any food in his home at all. Due to extreme medical conditions he does not have the ability to prepare meals relying consistently on a walker to move around in his tiny apartment. The only time he leaves his residence is to visit the doctor. Our volunteer driver is typically the single source of human contact he has daily. Despite his unfortunate medical condition this individual is the favorite of many of our volunteer drivers and always has a smile on his face. He delivers jokes and makes others laugh daily. In return our volunteers routinely will find him humorous joke books, make him home baked goods and provide him with anything that will make him more comfortable. One volunteer was so concerned about an upcoming trip to the doctor and the condition of his walkway that she created studded tennis balls to assist him getting to the car. His walkway was a solid sheet of ice and she was fearful that he would fall further injuring himself trying to get to

the doctor.

This gentleman made Holiday Cards for the entire staff with several jokes personalized on each card. He is a treasure to be near and one of the friendliest individuals around. An added benefit to our program is the *day old* treats from Starbucks and Safeway. The volunteers take the time to learn who likes what bagels, if they are a chocolate eater or if they are diabetic and should not have the extra sugar. Another bonus to this participant is that he always welcomes all of the meals and is a self proclaimed choc-alcoholic. His testimonial states that *the meals that we serve are better than going to a restaurant and he should know because he worked in most of them in the Tahoe area.*

One afternoon he called to see if we had an extra microwave lying around somewhere. He does not have a stove in his apartment and relies completely on a hot place to warm water for his instant coffee and the microwave to reheat his meals. I made one phone call to the local hospice to see if they had one available to purchase. Unfortunately

they did not but one of the volunteers showed up about an hour later with a brand new microwave purchased at the local drug store after she heard we had a homebound senior in need to heat his frozen meals for the weekends and holidays. It really does take a community to assist and care for individuals that need a little extra support. Our staff feels that it is our pleasure serving meals and we look forward to delivering to him in the future.... always hoping for another new joke along the way.



United Way would like to thank all it's 20 Partner Agencies for the wonderful work they do to help Nevada County. We are lucky to be surrounded by an abundance of beauty and neighbors with generous hearts.

Neighborhood Center of the Arts

Since 1984, their mission has been to provide the opportunity for adults with developmental disabilities to grow to the best of their ability through the arts and community integration. Their programs promote creativity, independence and dignity.

Robert aka Robbie Snell is a young man who has been participating in NCA's Janitorial work program, Digital Arts program, woodshop, ceramics, and a visual arts class. Robbie has been longing to move out of his parents' house and into a living situation which would allow him to be with his peers. Robbie has shared with his NCA staff that he is lonely and wants someone to play video games with-just be with someone his age is all he was asking for. Robbie has a big heart and loves his parents dearly, but as we all know-regardless of our abilities-we eventually want to move out of our parents' house. When Robbie earned his first paycheck he was beyond excited-he was ecstatic! He immediately talked about spending his earnings on DVD's and video games. As Robbie earned more 'yellow' checks he began to realize he was earning a good amount of money. Robbie began

talking about moving out-saving his money so he can afford to live in a group home and continue to have extra money for his DVD's and video games. With the assistance of his parents and some guidance from NCA's Director and Program Coordinator-Robbie began to focus on his goal. Robbie has now moved into a local group home called the Younger Home. We can't tell you what a difference this has made in this young mans life. Robbie has fulfilled one of his dreams-to live with his peers and out of his parents' house. Robbie is learning the value of money, the importance of his income that he earns through the sale of his art and how saving his money allows him to fulfill this dream. If Neighborhood Center of the Arts didn't exist then Robbie and his peers would not have a creative outlet to express themselves as well as the opportunity to be successful, be recognized by our community

and have the wonderful opportunity to live first hand what it feels like to have a dream come true.



Robbie Snell



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Upcoming Events

Penny Pitch

June 19th, 11:30am-6pm ~ Penny pitching begins at 1pm

Join the competition, enter your team to win the trophy and have great fun while helping United Way and its partners. For more info call 274-8111.

To register go to:

www.pennypitch-nevadacounty.com

United Way BBQ

August 26th; in the parking lot of the Gold Miner's Inn-Holiday Inn. Get your teams ready now! Cash Prizes this year!! Raffle prizes include a trip to Hawaii!! Go to www.uwnc.org to register your team and pre-purchase raffle tickets for your chance to win a trip to Hawaii.

Thanks to Jim Adams and Ray Morgan Co. for donating the cost of printing our Summer Newsletter!



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