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United Way of Murray-Calloway County

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April 2019 Newsletter



United Way Supporter,

The United Way Board and UWMCC Allocations Committee meets over the next few weeks to determine the distribution of new allocations for fiscal 2019-2020. As usual, the rigorous process engages volunteers and Board members to discern the best use of the community's investment in United Way to deliver on community priorities. Ten nonprofit agencies are requesting more than \$107,000 to implement impactful programs in Murray-Calloway County. We're tasked with the difficult chore of offering as much assistance as possible with limited dollars. We look forward to announcing the results in the May newsletter.

We've also been hard at work with some technological and digital changes! We have a new email address!

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Give.

Did you know you can give safe and secure contributions to United Way of Murray-Calloway County through The Murray Bank?

[Learn how!](#)

Advocate.

You can make change happen with your voice. United Way needs people who are passionate about education, financial stability and health & wellness to stand up and have conversations.

Volunteer.

Volunteers make the work we and our agencies do happen. Do you want to #liveunited and don't know how you can volunteer your time? Email us today at aellis@mccunitedway.org!

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You can #liveunited by helping us spread the word. Imagine how many people we could reach if everyone forwards this to five people.

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Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

VITA offer students, international students, and community members FREE tax assistance. This program provides professional level service at no cost to you and also allows senior level tax students to get real world experience in tax preparation. **The LAST SESSION is Friday, April 5th from 12:00-6:00p.m.**

"No one has ever become poor by giving."

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-Anne Frank

CASA by the Lakes, "We have moved!"

CASA by the Lakes has exciting news: We have moved into new office space in downtown Murray! The new office is located at 407 Poplar Drive (in the old police building). For the last several years, CASA by the Lakes has occupied space donated by the Murray Calloway County Hospital. While we are very appreciative of the time we had there, we had outgrown the space and needed to move due to several issues that come with older buildings. What a terrific blessing it has been that Mayor Rogers and City Council approved to rent this new space and accommodations to CASA.

CASA's larger office is valuable to our organization's growth plans. The location is ideal in that it keeps us within the heart of the city, close to the courts, and the DCBS office. Best of all, this office provides CASA with a visitation space for our clients, greater visibility, easier public access, and enough space for conducting volunteer trainings and public informational meetings. This larger office also provides more work space for staff and volunteers. We are enthusiastic about this positive move for CASA and the plans to increase the number of volunteers who advocate for our county's most vulnerable children - those who have been removed from their abusive and/or neglectful homes.

In 2018, Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers served 174 Calloway and Marshall County children who, by no fault of their own, ended up in an overburdened system. Statistics show that children are entering foster care at increasingly higher rates. It is more important than ever that CASA and our community of volunteers provide strong advocacy for children, so they do not slip through the cracks in this overburdened system. And yes, it takes money to properly screen, train and thoroughly supervise these volunteers and fully empower them to advocate for children. Donation and funding opportunities include sponsoring a CASA Advocate, as well as the **April 18th "Superhero Gala"** fundraiser at Yate's Event Center. The banquet will begin at 6:00 pm and includes a silent auction. To reserve seats at this year's banquet or to find out more information about CASA, visit casabythelakes.org/superherogala.

With the continued support from our community and the dedicated work of CASA Advocates, we are excited to continue serving the children of Calloway and Marshall Counties and making a positive impact in their lives.

Angelia Boyd
Executive Director
CASA by the Lakes

2020 Census



We are excited to announce that we've partnered with the @uscensusbureau to support the #2020Census! To learn about the census, how the data collected will be used, and what to expect next, visit 2020census.gov.



2019 Bowling Tournament

Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 25th for the annual United Way Bowling Tournament at Corvette Lanes! It will be from 6:00-8:00p.m. Be sure to come out and join us! Don't forget to dress up and show your spirit for your favorite team and help them win the Spirit Award!!

National Service Recognition Day

A key partner in our efforts is the Corporation for National and Service (CNCS), the federal agency for volunteering, service, and civic engagement. The agency oversees the AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs, engaging millions of Americans in service each year. CNCS works hand-in-hand with counties, cities, nonprofits, and other local partners to support high-impact national service at more than 50,000 locations across the country.

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