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United Way of Marshall County Announces New Online Volunteer Center

Plymouth, Indiana – The United Way of Marshall County is pleased to announce the creation of a county-wide electronic Volunteer Center. We realized there was a need in Marshall County for individuals to easily find information about not-for-profit organizations in Marshall County and their volunteer opportunities. With a grant from the Indiana Association of United Ways, your United Way was able to create a database of 288 not-for-profit organizations in Marshall County that can be easily assessable through the internet. This new service provides not-for-profits greater visibility in the on-line world and gives people a central location to learn about volunteer opportunities.

The United Way of Marshall County Volunteer Center will:

- Serve as a centralized repository of not-for-profit agency, program and volunteer information within Marshall County;
- Serve as a centralized repository of identified volunteers and contributors of goods and services for disaster situations;
- Provide not-for-profits with the ability to maintain up-to-date information about their organizations and volunteer opportunities;
- Allow volunteers to sign up online for listed volunteer opportunities;
- Enable volunteers to maintain an individual record of their volunteer activities; and
- Permit volunteers to post feedback on their volunteer service experiences.

Individuals interested in volunteering may now view not-for-profit information and sign up for volunteer opportunities in Marshall County by going to the United Way of Marshall County website at <http://www.marshallcountyuw.org> and clicking on the Volunteer tab on the upper right-hand side of the home page. Or you can directly access the Volunteer Center website at <https://volunteer.united-e-way.org/uwomc-13/volunteer/>.

Volunteers may:

- View information on agencies and organizations that have registered with the volunteer center.
- View volunteer opportunities in the community
- Sign-up for volunteer opportunities
- Register as a volunteer, creating a unique user name and password. Registering as a volunteer enables individuals the additional ability to:

1. Create and save a volunteer profile by entering information about yourself including your interests and skills;
2. Log interest, skill level and equipment availability to help out during an emergency or disaster situation; and
3. Post Volunteer Reflections (comments) regarding an agency or opportunity.

“For several years I have heard about the community’s need for a central location for information about the county’s not-for-profit organizations and services, as well as an easy method for finding volunteer opportunities,” said Jennifer Maddox, Executive Director of the United Way of Marshall County. “Your United Way is extremely pleased to provide the answer to both needs in one place—the Volunteer Center.” The public is encouraged to visit the website and learn about volunteer opportunities in Marshall County.



ABOUT THE UNITED WAY OF MARSHALL COUNTY

The United Way of Marshall County is creating lasting changes by advancing the common good. We invest in the building blocks for a good life: Education, Income and Health. In 2009, the United Way served over 35,000 individuals in Marshall County!

We invite you to be part of the change. Together, united, we can inspire hope and create opportunities for a better tomorrow. When we reach out a hand to one, we influence the condition of all. That's what it means to Live United.

For more information contact Jennifer S. Maddox, Executive Director, United Way of Marshall County at (574) 936-3366 or visit our web site at <http://www.marshallcountyuw.org/>.