

Faithful Observer

Faith Division raises its largest campaign



Father Ron Reed, Faith Chairman, announces the faith campaign results at celebration last November.

After analyzing the results of the 2008 Faith Division campaign, only one word can describe it – outstanding! This year’s campaign reached its goal set for \$16,000. The Faith Division has surpassed its goal for the past three years, and this year’s campaign is the largest total in its short history. This year’s total United Way of Wyandotte County campaign was \$2,389,082 which is two percent more than last year.

“We’re very proud to have such strong support from the faith community,” Wendell Maddox, CEO and President of United Way of Wyandotte County, said.

The 2008 campaign has succeeded despite the grueling economic conditions. When Father Ron Reed, Faith Division chairman, ran through a sea of cheerleaders to announce this year’s total at the November campaign celebration of champions, he said, “Reaching our goal this year is just a small testament of how we here in Wyandotte County come together as one community and LIVE UNITED.”

Faith Division total

\$16,000

**GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.
LIVE UNITED.**



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2009 Faith Community Council

Fun Faith Facts!

- 2008 was the largest Faith Division campaign ever totalling \$16,000
- United Sunday offering totaled more than \$600
- The Faith Council has three new members
- Strawberry Hill Musuem hosted the largest Prayer Luncheon for United Way of Wyandotte County in December 2008

Father Ron Reed
St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Rev. Wayne Yang
KC Hmong Ministries

Dr. Carrie Dunson
Greater Pentecostal Temple

Rev. Robert Baynham
Metropolitan Baptist Church

Rev. George Kemper
Ebenezer Christian Fellowship

Rev. Ken Nettling
Faith Lutheran Church

Bishop Marvin Donaldson
Greater Pentecostal Temple

Rev. Clark Armstrong
Victory Hills Church of the Nazarene

Step-up campaign awards

The Step-up award recognizes each church that gives \$500 or more. Please join us in congratulating the recipients of the 2008 Step-up awards:

Metropolitan Baptist Church
Pleasant Green Baptist Church
Mr. Carmel COGIC
Evangelistic Center

Archdiocese of KCK
Greater Pentecostal Temple
St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Campaign tips to enhance fundraising

With your day to day routine, you may find it challenging to coordinate a fundraiser for your church. Here are some suggestions to help you maximize your church's contributions:

Fundraising Event Ideas:

Bake Sale
Garage Sale
Carnival Games
Raffle
Cook-off
Bible Trivia
Family game night
Car wash
Special sermon series
Pot-luck meals

1. Plan Ahead

Communicate with United Way of Wyandotte County and plan a Faith week or weekend with special sermons.

2. Get Prior Approval

Work with your church leaders and coordinate events. Campaigns with leadership are the most successful.

3. Make it a Team Effort

Create a sub-committee to divide up all the tasks instead of relying on just one person.

4. Get Everyone Involved

Get everyone involved: church leaders, volunteers, and the congregation. The more the merrier.

5. Have a kickoff

Coordinate an event to kick off your faith week or weekend. Have a United Way of Wyandotte County offering on Sunday or bake sale. Creativity, energy and excitement are keys to a solid kickoff and campaign.

Prayer luncheon and United Sunday

The 2008 Prayer Luncheon was hosted by the Strawberry Hill Museum and attracted the largest audience in its history. Rev. Wayne Yang, KC Hmong Ministries, was the keynote speaker and narrated his migration to the United States as a refugee. The event ended with many faith leaders pledging to the United Way of Wyandotte County Faith Division campaign. About \$100 was collected in offerings.

United Sunday culminated the Faith Campaign on a lovely Sunday at Greater Pentecostal Temple. Rev. Shirley Fletcher captivated the audience with a message of how we can truly LIVE UNITED. More than 100 people united to celebrate the campaign and worship together in the Lord's house. United Sunday completed the largest Faith campaign in its short, six year history.

The Faith Campaign collected \$16,000 in pledges and donations during the service, including individual offerings totaling more than \$600!


Faith Council Mission

To mobilize resources between the United Way and the Faith Community for the people of Wyandotte County by:

- Preserving and maintaining service linkages
- Promoting available resources
- Strengthening relationships within the Faith Community

2008 Faith Campaign Contributors

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Evangelistic Center
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St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Greater Pentecostal Temple
St. Peter's CME
United Sunday Individual Offering
Prayer Luncheon Offering

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FOR CREATING
OPPORTUNITIES AND
INSPIRING
HOPE FOR A
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And the 2008 campaign total is...

\$2,389,082

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About United Way of Wyandotte County...

United Way of Wyandotte County is a non-profit organization founded in 1921 by the KCK Chamber of Commerce. We're led by a 36-member volunteer board. Our mission is to increase the community's understanding of human needs and to mobilize resources to meet those needs. Our annual community fundraising campaign supports 53 social service programs provided by 29 Wyandotte County and area agency partners.

United Way of Wyandotte County partners

American Red Cross WyCo Chapter	The Family Conservancy
Associated Youth Services	Girl Scouts of NW MO & NE KS
Bethel Neighborhood Center	Kansas Legal Services
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater KC	KCK Huggers/Special Olympics
Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater KC	KVC Behavioral Healthcare
Boy Scouts of America, Heart of America Council	Camp Fire USA Heartland Council
Cancer Action, Inc.	YWCA of Greater Kansas City
Duchesne Clinic	Catholic Charities of Northeast KS
Economic Opportunity Foundation	El Centro, Inc.
Mental Health Association of the Heartland	Mt. Carmel Redevelopment Corp.
CASA of Johnson & Wyandotte Counties	Riverview Health Services
Salvation Army	Shepherd's Center of KCK
Sunflower House	Turner House Children's Clinic
Visiting Nurse Association	Ozanam
Wyandot Center for Community Behavioral Healthcare	

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