

WE LIVE UNITED

UNITED WAY OF WEST ALABAMA



January 2017

*Looking forward to another
wonderful year
helping others in West Alabama.*

United Way of West Alabama strengthens education,
income stability and health in our community by
developing resources and partnerships.

Happy New Year!

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Dear United Way supporters, donors and volunteers:

We continue to be humbled and thankful for your ongoing generosity and dedication to helping others and improving West Alabama.

It takes more than 800 volunteers working tirelessly to run our annual campaign that raises money for 24 local nonprofits and two United Way initiatives (Success By 6 and 2-1-1). In a year where philanthropy declined in many areas around our state and nation, we are truly blessed to have those who will go the extra mile to ensure our goals are met so that our friends and neighbors in need can continue to benefit from the services and programs available in our community.

This year, with the help of all of you, we reached a record campaign total of

\$3,728,051!!

Thank you on behalf of our staff, board, campaign chairman & cabinet, partner agencies and clients who benefit from your giving spirit.

WAYLAS
West Alabama Young Leaders Awards

Save the Date
for our 2017 YLS Kickoff Lunch
& Inaugural WAYLA Awards

Thursday, February 9th
11:30 a.m.

More Information Coming Soon!

Thank you to everyone who submitted a nomination. We were overwhelmed by the excitement for these awards and the caliber of the nominees. The selection committee certainly had their work cut out for them. Please remember nominations stay valid for a two-year period.

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To learn more about our Young Leaders Society or to **JOIN YLS, [click here!](#)**

YLS Members:
Please look for an email soon with our **2017 Officer Slate.**
If there are no other nominations, we will confirm this slate during our kickoff luncheon.



Volunteer Reading Program of West Alabama

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Bright Minds Reading Program is seeking volunteers for the spring semester. You can email sb6@uwwa.org to request an application packet or visit www.uwwa.org to download them. If possible, please submit forms by Friday, Feb. 3, 2017. If you have any questions, call Kristen at (205)774-7300.



COOKIE SEASON!

The 2017 cookie season marks the 100th year of the first known sale of cookies by Girl Scouts. Cookies arrive in West Alabama on January 27th. Don't know a girl to order from? Call our customer care line at 800-734-4541 or email cookies@girlscoutsna.org to be connected with a troop near you.



Join us for the 11th Annual

Doing What Matters for Alabama's Children Conference

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

8:30am-3:30pm

Bryant Conference Center

The University of Alabama

\$25 early registration fee or \$40 late registration fee

For more information contact Sabrina Thomas at (205) 462-1000

To register go to <http://training.ua.edu/children> or call (205) 348-3000

Morning Topics: VOICES for Alabama's Children, Suicide Prevention, The Cost of Crime, Self-Care, Education

Breakout Session Topics: Bullying/Internet Safety, Trauma Informed Care, Human Trafficking, School Climate, Health Issues, Mentoring, Pediatrics and children in systems

West Alabama Nonprofit **CAREER BOARD** uwwa.org/careers

Job Seekers - Don't forget to check our career board! Jobs range from entry level to senior management opportunities.

Job Posters - All nonprofits in West Alabama are eligible to post your listings on the career board. If you have trouble posting, please submit the job description to [Julie Mann](mailto:Julie.Mann@uwwa.org).

UNITED WAY Honorariums & Memorials

Did you know that you can give to United Way through special gifts such as Honorariums & Memorials? When you select United Way to receive these donations, we send a letter to the person honored or to the family of the person being remembered letting them know of your contribution. For more information, contact [Julie Mann](mailto:Julie.Mann@uwwa.org).

Retirees Keep in Touch! Are you retiring soon? Don't forget to let us know how to stay in touch with you! Please email your home and personal email address to [Jon Lambert](mailto:Jon.Lambert@uwwa.org).



REMINDER!

Child Abuse Prevention Services, Annual Board Meeting, Thursday, January 26th at 5:30 at the Courthouse Annex-Extension Office.

Exhibitor space is available but space is limited. Fees are \$50 for non-profit and \$100 for other vendors.

Download the [vendor form here](#).
Download the [participant form here](#).

Are YOU up for the **CHALLENGE?**



Saturday, February 25, 2017

10:00 am

Government Plaza

Register today!

www.tuscaloosakkc.com

Individual and Team Prizes!



Big Brothers Big Sisters of West Alabama



SPRING SEMESTER

Arts 'n Autism Spring semester of after school begins January 17th. Currently taking applications for students age 3-18. Call (205) 247-4990 or email us at artsnautism2@gmail.com for more information and/or an application. Please visit us on fb or our website: artsnautism.org



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Save the Dates for some fabulous Annual Events!

March 9th
Girls Scouts
Women of Distinction Luncheon

March 25th
Hospice of West Alabama
Annual 5K

April 1st
The Arc of Tuscaloosa County
Rollin' with The Arc

April 1st
Easter Seals of West Alabama
Champions Ball

April 20th
Family Counseling Service
Death By Chocolate

April 22nd
FOCUS on Senior Citizens
Volkstfest

April 27th
American Red Cross
Food & Wine Festival

May 5th
Temporary Emergency Services
Celebrity Waiter Dinner

May 11th
West Alabama AIDS Outreach
Sunset Supper

June 16th
United Way of West Alabama
Day of Action

August 15th
United Way of West Alabama
Campaign Kickoff

September 15th
Boy Scouts Black Warrior Council
Sporting Clay Shoot

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Black Warrior Council 4th Annual

BOY SCOUTS of AMERICA CIRCLE OF HONOR LUNCHEON

Check-in 11:30 a.m. Luncheon noon. Business Attire.
Wednesday, April 19, 2017
Embassy Suites – 2410 University Blvd., Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

Please be our guest at this 4th Annual Luncheon to benefit the Boy Scouts of America. Funds raised at the luncheon will help make the Scouting program available to over 3,000 young people in West Central Alabama. Scouting continues to thrive due in large part to friends like you who provide the funds to support our mission, "to instill values in young people." We hope you will be able to join us at this very important event.



Eric Hestep
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Dr. Robert E. Wier
University of Alabama
Luncheon Honoree



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For more information, contact Bill.Gosselin@scouting.org or call (205)554-1680