



Think We Before Me

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United Way of the Coastal Bend offers four volunteer opportunities annually through LIVE UNITED Days. These are mornings of hands-on projects to provide assistance to any of the 40+ United Way funded partners or community partner agencies. Projects vary in length and scope but are usually less than four hours. They might include working in a food garden or freshening walls of an organization's facility with a new coat of paint. Terrific!

Want to take it to the next level? Opportunities such as the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA), in partnership with the CASH Coalition, works with individuals

SAVE THE DATE

May 6

Homeless Summit

Homeless Issues Partnership
(Details [here](#))

May 26

LIVE UNITED Day

Volunteer Opportunity
(Details coming soon [here](#))

October 28

**18th Annual UWCB
Golf Classic**

(Details [here](#))



SITES STILL OPEN

Filing Deadline: April 18th

Get your taxes done for FREE by trained volunteers.

Learn more [here](#) or contact Donna Hurley at 361-882-2529 x118
donna.hurley@uwcb.org.

It's a Wrap!

The 2010 Campaign totals are in and our volunteer review panels have finalized their program investment recommendations to the Board of Directors. Once those amounts have been reviewed and approved, we'll be making a community-wide announcement.

Look for the good news at the end of this month!

THANK YOU!

The following companies have already committed to sponsoring materials and events for the 2011 Campaign

who are able to give their talents to a project over a longer period of time. Since January of this year, VITA volunteers have helped return over \$2.2 million to families in this community by completing over 1350 tax returns for FREE! Extraordinary!

The United Way fund distribution process, invites donor volunteers to collaborate on Program Review Panels to make funding decisions for United Way partner programs. Nearly 30 people volunteer their time to review these nonprofit organizations in areas of quality programming, governance, finance and administration. Because of their dedication, United Way is able to be extremely efficient, keeping costs low so that more people can be helped. Fabulous!

These are just a few of the ways you can partner with us to create real change in our community. We know that together, we can accomplish more than any individual or organization can accomplish alone. We invite the whole community to LIVE UNITED through the spirit of volunteerism. Think we before me.

Sincerely,

Catrina Wilson, President & CEO



A collaboration of:



Classes will soon be dismissed for the summer but we're already thinking about and planning for next school year! United Way of the Coastal Bend and collaborative partners Goodwill Industries, H-E-B and KRIS Communications are teaming up with the Corpus Christi Hooks and Whataburger to collect school supplies for **Operation Supply Our Students (S.O.S.)** during the 2011 CC Hooks season.

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If you and your company want to join these sponsors to help United Way to keep costs low so that more people can be helped, visit the [Sponsorship Opportunities](#) list or contact Amy Towery, Resource Development Director at 361-882-2529 x117 or amy.towery@uwcb.org.

Link to our Annual Report [HERE](#)



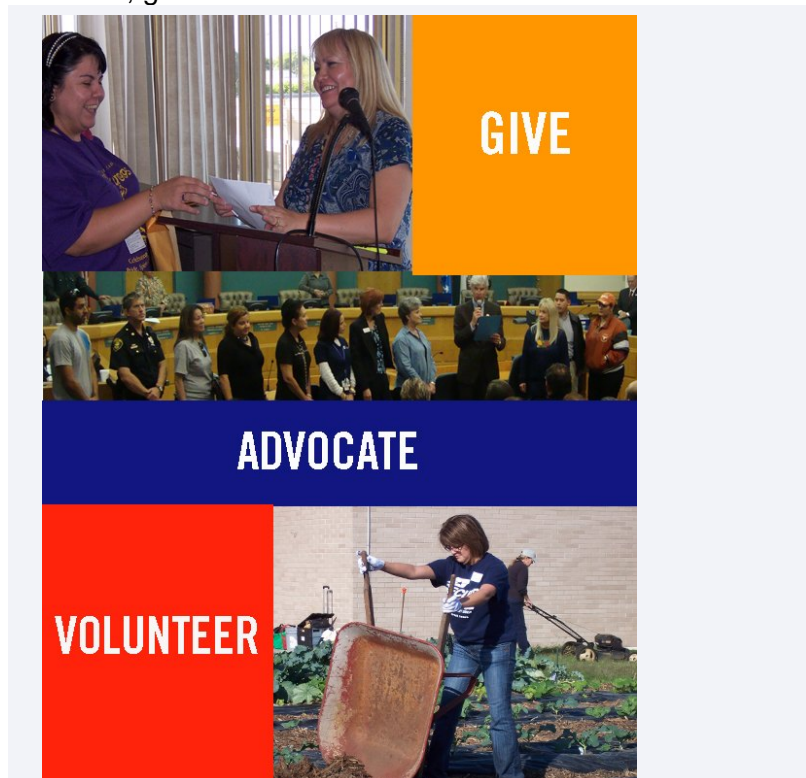
Leave your new and unused school supplies in the large Whataburger fry box outside the Whataburger Field Main Gates on any Wednesday during the 2011 Hooks season and receive two general admission tickets to any Hooks home game, courtesy of Whataburger and the Hooks.

On other game nights, contribute at the ticket office. Donations will also be accepted at the Whataburger Field business offices during normal hours of operation on non-game days.

School supplies are also accepted at the United Way of the Coastal Bend offices, 711 N. Carancahua, Suite 302. Contributors receive the Hooks ticket benefit upon visiting this location.

To donate on-line and receive the ticket benefit [CLICK HERE](#).

The Hooks play 70 home games at Whataburger Field between April 14 and September 2. For the complete schedule, go to cchooks.com.



We salute the many United Way volunteers and partners working together to make a difference in our community. Thank you for demonstrating what it means to LIVE UNITED!

United Way volunteers are individuals and company teams. They bring a variety of skills and experience. They may differ in age and interest, but the one thing they have in common is a desire to contribute to the Coastal Bend

community in a positive way. Below are just a few examples of their work and we thank each and every one!

If you would like to join our team of volunteers, contact Amy Towery, Resource Development Director at 361-882-2529 x117 or amy.towery@uwcb.org.



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