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## **UNITED WAY DRUG PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE UNIVERSAL**

*Focus on Health accomplished with help of Pfizer and FamilyWize*

In an effort to advance the common good, the United Way in 2009 chose to adopt the impact areas of Education, Income, and Health, believing these are the building blocks for a good life. In keeping with this axiom, specifically Health, The United Way of the Coastal Bend has consociated with two programs offering prescription drug assistance. Both Pfizer Helpful Answers® and FamilyWize® offer opportunities for the public to gain access to affordable pharmaceuticals.

“Addressing the needs of Americans without prescription drug coverage could not come at a more important time,” states Gary Pelletier, Director/Team Leader, Pfizer Helpful Answers®. He continues, “Nearly 46 million Americans lack health insurance and officials estimate that even more lack prescription drug coverage.” With more than 100 Pfizer medicines free or at savings offered through this program, Pfizer Helpful Answers® is doing its part to abate this behemoth number. Getting started is easy with eligible patients receiving medicines soon after applying, getting continuous refills, and easily re-enrolling each year. No matter their age or income, patients without prescription coverage may qualify for assistance.

Contradictory to the Pfizer program, FamilyWize® covers ALL prescription drugs. Established in 2005 by Dan and Susan Barnes to reduce the cost of medicine, FamilyWize® community service partnership has a goal to reduce the cost of medicine for children, family, and individuals by \$100 million. The prescription card used to gain access to the savings is free and is accepted at most pharmacies nationwide. More than 800 participating United Way agencies have volunteered to coordinate the distribution of these cards.

For more information on Pfizer Helpful Answers® and FamilyWize® or on how you can join United Way and its partners to build a stronger community, please visit us online at [www.uwcb.org](http://www.uwcb.org) or call (361) 882-2529.

**This is just one more way United Way provides support to our community by focusing on the building blocks to a good life: Education, Income and Health. For more information on how you can join United Way and its partners to build a stronger community, please visit us online at [www.uwcb.org](http://www.uwcb.org) or call (361)882-2529.**

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