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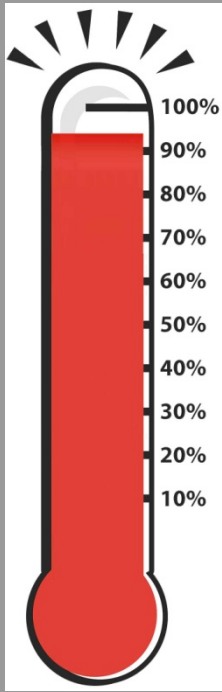
We are at 93% of our GOAL!

A message from our President, Catrina Steinocher Wilson



The Fall of 2008 has been like no other in recent history: the U.S. economy on a rollercoaster, families losing their homes, significant increases in unemployment and demand for local social services in record numbers.

Despite the word "crisis" being mentioned so often, the United Way of the Coastal Bend Annual Campaign stayed on track. What staff and key volunteers have surmised is that, in the midst of hardship, the good people of the Coastal Bend area give what they can to help those in more desperate need. What an incredible example of how our community has chosen to LIVE UNITED by supporting UWCB's commitment to create long-lasting changes for our



We are almost there!

The needs in our community are greater now than ever before... every gift adds up, so please do your part to LIVE UNITED!

Please call 361-882-2529 if you have pledge cards that need to be picked up and a United Way staff member will come by at your convenience.

Check out our LIVE UNITED 2008 Campaign Video available now on



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friends and neighbors... [CLICK HERE to read more.](#)

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO FEEL GOOD AT TAX TIME?

Help Low-Income Working Families as a Volunteer Tax Preparer



Join the team to help these families and our local economy. Volunteer at one of the designated VITA sites that provide low-income working families FREE tax preparation help.

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Agency Spotlight

Metro-Ministries

*"You probably don't remember me. I stayed at Rainbow House in 2004. I just wanted to let you and everyone at Metro Ministries know how much your help meant to me. I have lived in the same apartment for 2 1/2 years. I am employed. I am happy. -Lory**



For Rosa Pizzi, CEO and Executive Director of Metro-Ministries, and her staff, this letter excerpt is mission accomplished. "Our ultimate goal is to provide our

*NEW!

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Staff Spotlight

Donna Hurley, Community Services Director

Donna Hurley joined the United Way team in April of 2006. As Community Services Director, Donna manages the funding allocations process and provides technical assistance for United Way partner agencies. In addition, she oversees organization community impact initiatives such as the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA) and is a member of the Homeless Issues Partnership board.

"My major role is establishing the measures by which programs report their effectiveness, in order to ensure the accountability and transparency to donors."

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clients with the 'push' they need to get a job and a home. We want to help them regain their lives and become strong families within our community," said Pizzi. Rainbow House, a Metro Ministries facility, is one way they assist in providing the basics, so that clients can concentrate on their futures...

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To see pictures of Metro-Ministries new Rainbow House

****still under construction****

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*****Mark Your Calendars*****

The First Quarter "Day of Caring" event will be held March 5th, 2009.

More details to come!

Lending a hand to make a difference...A great way to LIVE UNITED.

'Tis the Season...to Live United.

Target and Zachry Industrial get into the holiday spirit!



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February 17, 2009

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If you are hosting a fishing tournament, bowl-a-thon or other event to benefit United Way of the Coastal Bend, let us know so we can tell others!

Call (361) 882-2529

On behalf of more than 50 agencies and thousands of families across the Coastal Bend, we thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Your United Way

United Way of the

"Share-A-Tree" Program and Zachry Industrial's "Bringing Christmas to the Bluff" toy giveaway!

Driscoll Children's Hospital Chili Cook-Off



Check out Driscoll Children's Hospital 4th Annual Chili Cook-Off as they "fire it up" to raise money for your United Way. Glass of water anyone?

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to see more pictures from this event!



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