

# United Way of Southern Chautauqua County

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## **Walkers “Lace ‘em Up” to Help Support United Way:**

Several community members joined United Way partner agencies Thursday for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual “Walk United.” The walk is put on each year by Chautauqua Striders. This year’s event was held at the Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena, where walkers raised just over \$1,100 to help support the 2011 United Way Campaign.

“We want to thank Chautauqua Striders for their continued support in helping us reach our goal of \$1.3 million by the end of the year,” said Campaign Co-Chair Lorraine Diggs. “Every dollar that’s raised will help support a life in need.”

Each walker raised money through pledges, and then took laps around the ice arena track, generating money every step of the way.

“This effort by the United Way’s partner agencies is just another way we can support the 2011 Campaign. We are very grateful for the funding allocated to our programs and just wanted to do something extra to show our support,” said Deborah Kathman, Chautauqua Striders Executive Director.

Over \$242,000 has been raised so far for the United Way Campaign, which officially kicked off earlier this month at the Winifred Crawford Dibert Boys & Girls Club in Jamestown. Since then, volunteers have been hard at work, delivering packets to businesses, and drumming up support in the community.

“This campaign only works because of the countless hours given by our volunteers. They truly are the legs that keep this whole thing going. Without their efforts, we wouldn’t even have a campaign,” said Campaign Co-Chair Tim Grace.

The United Way funds 44 programs at 17 human service agencies throughout Southern Chautauqua County. For more information on the 2011 Campaign, you can visit [www.uwayscc.org](http://www.uwayscc.org) or the Facebook page for United Way of Southern Chautauqua County.

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