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United Way Campaign is at 92%

The 2011 United Way Campaign has raised \$1.2 million so far, or 92% of the \$1.3 million goal.

Campaign Co-Chairs Lorraine Diggs and Tim Grace said what comes in over the next few weeks, will determine whether or not the goal is reached.

“Essentially the active part of the 2011 United Way Campaign is over,” said Diggs. “The focus now is on final follow up with accounts that have not reported in and tallying the final pledges. Our campaign celebration takes place on January 24th and we will announce our final figure at that event. I’m hopeful to reach 100% of our goal.”

Tim Grace praised the effort of the volunteers the last few weeks.

“These people truly are our unsung heroes,” said Grace. “Their efforts during the busy holiday season have been inspiring to watch as they take time away from work and family to make phone calls and visits. Without their help, there’s no way we could raise the money this community depends on.”

Lorraine Diggs reminds the community that contributions are still being accepted toward the 2011 Campaign, but the clock is ticking.

“We need to bring this whole thing to a close as quickly as we can. Anyone who hasn’t donated to the campaign is encouraged to fill out their pledge card and return it as soon as possible. Also, any organization that’s still wrapping up employee campaigns is asked to finish and contact the United Way with a final figure.”

Individuals or business owners wishing to make a donation to the 2011 Campaign can do so by logging onto www.uwayscc.org, or by calling the United Way directly at 483-1561.

The United Way of Southern Chautauqua County supports 17 partner agencies and 44 programs. Every dollar that’s donated goes to help out disaster services, teen mentoring, and meals for seniors. Those benefitted by these services span generations - from after school programs for teens, to assistance to keep seniors living independently.

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