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## **United Way Campaign Passes the Halfway Mark**

The 2011 United Way Campaign has raised \$738,402 so far this year, or 57% of the \$1.3 million goal.

Campaign Co-Chairs Lorraine Diggs and Tim Grace said it will take a strong six weeks of giving in order for the goal to be reached. Both are also urging people to get their pledge cards in as soon as possible.

“We want to wrap this up hopefully before Christmas,” said Diggs. “Our volunteers have done a tremendous job for us, and we don’t want to be leaning on them too much during the Christmas season. We’re asking everyone to fill out their pledge forms and return them as soon as possible, so we can add them to our total.”

Money raised through the annual campaign goes to support 17 partner agencies and 44 programs in Southern Chautauqua County. Every dollar that’s donated stays in the community to help support everything from after school programs, to disaster services.

“Times are tough for so many families,” said Co-Chair Tim Grace. “That’s why this year it’s vital that we reach our goal. Thousands of people are depending on the success of this campaign. We cannot let those families down simply because the local economy is struggling. I urge everyone who hasn’t given yet, to consider donating this year.”

Co-Chair Lorraine Diggs echoed those sentiments.

“During this season of giving, why not give the gift of hope to someone else. Nothing could be nobler than helping a person in need,” said Diggs. “When you give to the United Way, you help create a brighter future for your neighbor, your friends, and this community. That’s an important reminder, especially during the holidays.”

For more information about the 2011 United Way Campaign, you can call 483-1561, or log onto [www.uwayscc.org](http://www.uwayscc.org). You can also find us on Facebook at United Way of Southern Chautauqua County.

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