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United Way Campaign at 73%

The 2011 United Way Campaign has raised \$943,305 so far this year, or 73% of the \$1.3 million goal.

Campaign Co-Chairs Lorraine Diggs and Tim Grace said it's crunch time now.

"We've got just three weeks left to reach our goal. Amid the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, I would encourage anyone who hasn't filled out a pledge card to do so soon," said Diggs. "Thousands of people depend on us hitting that \$1.3 million mark by the end of the year. It can be done, but it will take a team effort to make it happen."

Tim Grace said they're still waiting on some companies to finish their campaigns and that makes it difficult to come up with a final tally.

"Some of our local businesses have yet to complete their campaigns or are waiting to finalize corporate donations. Other companies may have a location in our area, but report their totals to a United Way located elsewhere. This can make wrapping up our local campaign a bit challenging," said Grace. "All we can do is wait and be ready once those totals do come in. We're confident they will arrive and we're hopeful our goal will be reached."

Diggs also touted the efforts of this year's volunteers.

"We've had around 70 people dedicate themselves to this campaign," said Diggs. "I can't praise them enough for the job they've done. To answer the call, especially during the busy holiday season, is something they've done time and time again. They are truly the legs that will help us cross the finish line."

Any organizations still wrapping up their employee giving campaigns are asked to contact United Way with an update. Individuals or business owners wishing to make a donation in 2011 can do so by logging onto www.uwayscc.org or by calling United Way directly at 483-1561.

The United Way of Southern Chautauqua County supports 17 partner agencies and 44 programs that impact the lives of children, families, and senior citizens every day. Each dollar that's donated helps to support valuable initiatives like disaster services, teen mentoring, and meals for seniors.

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