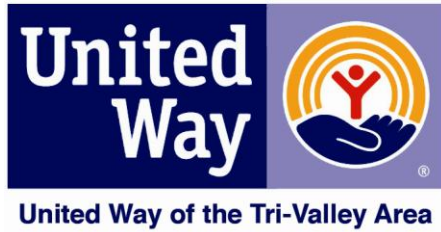


Partner Profiles



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Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of articles that demonstrates the community impact of the United Way of the Tri-Valley Area.

The United Way of the Tri-Valley Area invests in the community using your charitable dollars to support the programs of more than 20 Community Partners. One such Community Partner is the Healthy Community Coalition (HCC) who shares this story of how a United Way investment in the Mobile Health Unit outreach program improves the lives of area residents:

Randy has a rich family history of heart disease. When HCC staff met Randy on the Mobile Health Unit which parks at Wal-Mart, Tuesdays from 12 – 4, he said that none of the men in his family lived beyond 45 years old. He had just turned 44 and lost his job, and was trying not to fall into the same slump as his older brothers before him. He had started exercising regularly, lifting weights and trying to eat the right food. The last time his cholesterol was checked it was over 400 and he knew that he needed to act fast or he would be on the same road as his bothers. He wanted to verify that he was doing things right. He was surprised to find out that his total cholesterol was only 188. This was confirmation that he was making the right food and exercise choices. To stay on track, Randy was given additional advice by the trained health educators on the mobile health unit. During his visit he was also enrolled in the Health Access program, a program of Franklin Community Health Network. Now he can see his doctor to continue the care he was receiving at an affordable cost.

Learn more about the way the United Way of the Tri-Valley Area is making a difference by attending the Campaign Finale Celebration and Annual Meeting on January 28 at 5:30 at UMF.

The mission of the United Way of the Tri-Valley Area is to improve people's lives by focusing the caring capacity of our communities. For more information or to give, advocate, or volunteer in your community, visit www.uwtva.org, call 778-5048 or e-mail info@uwtva.org.