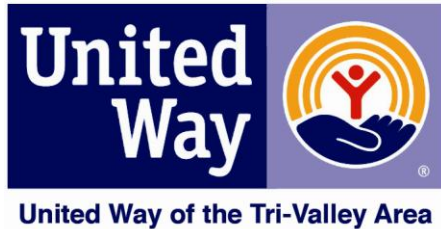


Partner Profiles



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

“Reach out a hand to one and influence the condition of all.” This is a tremendously powerful expression. It speaks to the heart of the United Way and its 20 Community Partners who do so much to improve health, income, and education in Greater Franklin County. Improving lives is a collective effort, however, and it is hundreds of volunteers who help our Community Partners deliver meals, plant gardens, deliver food to food pantries, read to children, work with individuals with disabilities, and so much more.

This is an exciting time to be engaging volunteers in our community, and, with limited resources, and a tremendously talented volunteer pool, so much can be done! The more coordinated organizations and agencies become, the better the experience will be of supervising volunteers. Of course, the volunteers' experience will also be improved.

With this in mind, the United Way and MSAD 9's Volunteer Coordinator, Pauline Rodrigue, are reconvening the Franklin Volunteer Network which has been in hibernation for some time now. **Please join us on Friday, May 8 at 8:00 a.m. at the Homestead Bakery in Farmington.**

It is the perfect time to reconvene the group and build on challenges and opportunities that exist in our communities. We will, for example, be discussing ways to collaboratively work as a community on Operation Santa and other holiday gift giving initiatives, and the proposed Month of Caring in September. We will also look at ways we can support each other, learn from each other, and mobilize our resources to improve our community. If you are interested in attending this meeting, please RSVP to stacie@uwtva.org or by calling 778-5048.

To view a complete list of UWTVA's 2009 Community Partners and Historic Partners, and witness the great power of volunteering, visit www.uwtva.org.

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.