

2019 - 2020

# UNITED WAY OF ATHENS-LIMESTONE COUNTY

Annual Report



12+

DONORS

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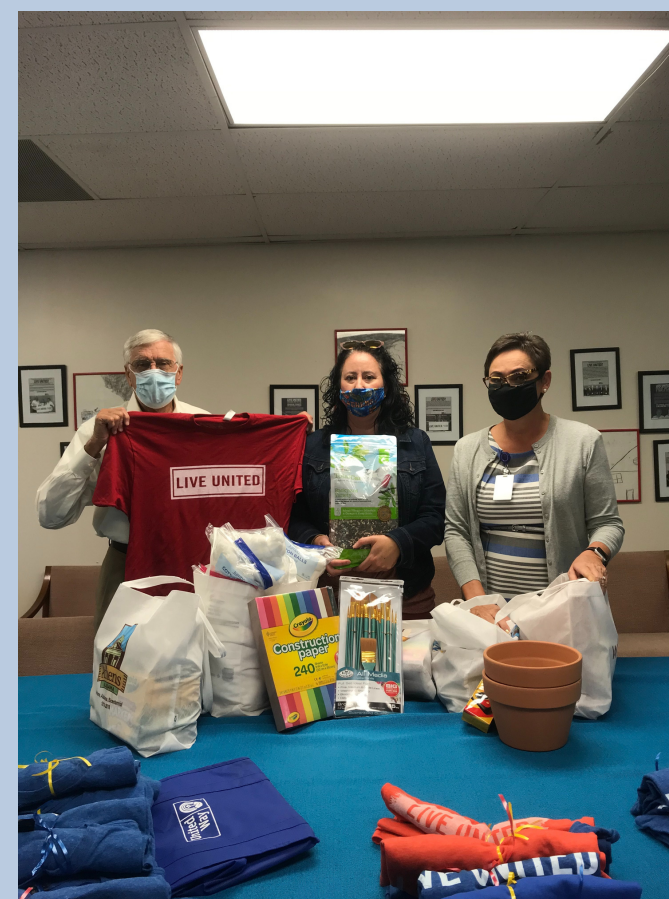
T-SHIRT SPONSORS

7

AGENCIES HELPED

# WEEK OF CARING

Volunteers showered our agencies with various donations and supplies, helping our agencies as they meet the needs of the community during the pandemic.



# RETIRED EDUCATORS

Every year, United Way of Athens-Limestone County honors retired educators at the end of our Week of Caring. These educators are nominated by the community or former students, and it is a privilege to recognize them for their years of hard work!

This year, due to the pandemic, our Class of 2020 Retired Educators were honored through a virtual program. Their friends and families were able to watch the live stream, ensuring adherence to social distancing guidelines.



Lynn Abernathy



Cindy Hall



Jennifer Hooper



Pat Lann

# VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Honoring a Volunteer of the Year also marks the end of our Week of Caring. The volunteer is nominated by the community and affirmed by our Board of Directors. He or she is recognized at our luncheon. We were able to recognize our nominee virtually, rather than at our Week of Caring luncheon, due to the pandemic.



JOYCE COUNTER



*A person always doing his or her best  
becomes a natural leader, just by example.*

*-Joe DiMaggio*

2020 Volunteer of the Year  
Retired Board Secretary

# STUFF THE SLEIGH

Our very first Stuff the Sleigh drive began in November of 2020, replacing our annual Stuff the Bus book drive. This drive was created to help provide children in our community with necessary school supplies, as many students would be returning to in-person learning in January. All donations were collected by local Beta Clubs and were distributed in conjunction with our Toys for Tots program. School aged children who had been registered for Toys for Tots, as well as in-need students who were identified by school counselors, received backpacks, notebooks, and other supplies.



**65+**  
BACKPACKS

**70+**  
REUSABLE  
WATER BOTTLES

**15+**  
LUNCHBOXES



**ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL**



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# TOYS FOR TOTS

## DONATION LOCATIONS

Alabama Veteran's Museum  
AsahiKASEI  
Athens City Hall  
Athens Pharmacy  
Big Lots of Athens  
Dental Associates of Athens  
Dollar General HWY 99  
Dollar General HWY 251  
First National Bank of Athens  
First State Bank of the South

Hendricks-Patton-RANCL Furniture  
WestRock  
Publix Supermarket at Eastside Junction  
Salon 414  
SportsFit  
Tan Lines  
The Children's Store of Athens  
Toodlebugs  
Trustmark Bank  
U.G. White Mercantile



U.G. WHITE



ALABAMA VETERAN'S MUSEUM

## ADDITIONAL DONORS

Andrew and Beverly Bradley  
Anthony Harbin and Family  
Athens Dixie Stitchers  
Betty Christopher  
Carol Jones  
Daisy McCormack

Helen Kerry  
Michelle Beggs  
Rita Murphy  
Tammy Williams  
Tom Hill  
Winnice Pierce



# VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS



## Front Desk Program

This program has enhanced the way in which United Way works with the public. The volunteers serve to greet visitors, direct them to the appropriate agency or person, assist with referrals, answer phones, and help with special projects. The volunteers work three hour shifts either in the morning or afternoon.



## Internship Program

In the summer of 2015, United Way of Athens-Limestone County launched an internship program to allow area students work with United Way agencies and other area non-profits to explore careers, have first-hand work experience, work for the betterment of the community, and fulfill volunteer hour requirements.



## Youth Volunteer Program

The Youth Volunteer Program offers opportunities for students to fulfill their goal of short-term volunteer projects within United Way agencies or other community partners. Many students who volunteer for this program are working as a part of a group, church youth group, or school organizations. The activities are diverse, meeting the varied needs of the agencies while utilizing the wide range of talents of the volunteers.

# CAREER AND COLLEGE

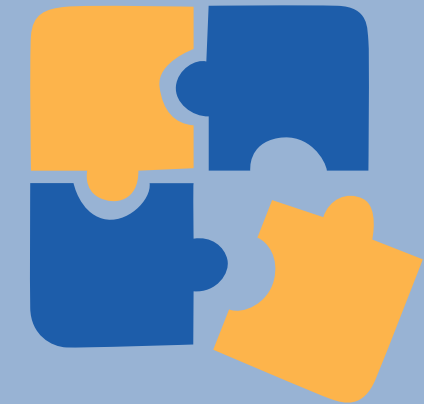


## For Students

United Way of Athens-Limestone County is glad to offer Career and College programs designed to prepare high school students for their next phase of life. Whether they choose to enter the workforce or seek additional education, our Career and College Student Workshop provides guidance and financial advice that assist students in making a smooth transition into life after graduation.

Online  
**ZOOM**  
classes  
available!

If you would like more information or want to register, please call (256) 233-2323 or email [tanyagriffin@unitedwayalc.com](mailto:tanyagriffin@unitedwayalc.com)



## For Parents

United Way of Athens-Limestone County also offers Career and College seminars for parents of high school students. These seminars are designed to prepare parents for their child's next steps in life. Whether their student chooses to enter the workforce or seek additional education, our seminar for parents provides guidance and financial advice that helps parents plan for their child's future.



# COMMUNITY IMPACT

Salvation Army

**3,225**

Individuals provided with  
material assistance

Athens Limestone  
Counseling Center

**310**

Students assisted  
by At-Risk School  
Counselors

Boy Scouts  
of America

**416**

Scouts serving our  
community

RSVP

**1,076**

Taxes prepared for  
free for clients

Limestone County  
4-H Program

**86**

Students served

American  
Red Cross

**92**

Individuals assisted  
after a single-family  
fire

Family Resource  
Center

**170**

Family Solutions  
Program clients  
served

Learn to Read  
Council

**207**

Basic Literacy,  
ESL, Computer  
Lab clients served

# COMMUNITY IMPACT

## **Birdie Thornton Center**

The Birdie Thornton Center serves individuals over the age of 21 who have developmental or intellectual disabilities.

## **Hospice of Limestone County**

Hospice of Limestone County offers Camp Hope, a free, one day summer camp for kids and teens who have experienced the death of a loved one.

## **Boys and Girls Club of North Alabama**

The Boys and Girls Club of North Alabama nurtures young people's self-esteem by investing in them a sense of belonging, usefulness, influence, and competence.

## **Girl Scouts of North Central Alabama**

Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

## **Crisis Services of North Alabama**

The mission of Crisis Services of North Alabama is responding to individuals and families in crisis.

**UNITED WAY OF  
ATHENS-LIMESTONE  
COUNTY  
IMPACT**

**3,550**  
Volunteer hours

**1,531**  
Board hours

**977**  
Volunteers serving  
our community

# AGENCIES

**American Red Cross**

**Birdie Thornton Center**

**Athens Limestone Counseling Center**

**Boys and Girls Club North Alabama**

**Boy Scouts of America**

**Crisis Services of North Alabama**

**Family Resource Center**

**Girl Scouts of North Central Alabama**

**Hospice of Limestone County**

**Learn to Read**

**Limestone County 4-H Program**

**RSVP**

**Salvation Army**

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