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# CommUNITY Connection

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E-NEWSLETTER

## VENTURE GRANTS NOW AVAILABLE

The Heartland United Way is pleased to announce that approximately \$29,000 will be available for the 2008 Venture Grant Program. The Heartland United Way Venture grants are available to non-profit organizations and agencies who provide health and human services in Hall, Howard, Hamilton and Merrick counties. Venture grants will be awarded to projects that are "new ventures" designed to more effectively and creatively address emerging needs. Priority areas for funding include: Child Care, Shelter & Housing, Transportation, Cultural, Employment, Education, Family Violence, Legal Services, Drug and Alcohol, Basic and Emergency Needs, Recreational, Health and Well Being, Case Management and Prevention Programs.

*The 2008 Venture Grant Applications are available from the Heartland United Way at 410 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street or by calling 308-382-2675. All Venture Grant Applications are due on March 3, 2008 by 4:30 p.m. Applications received after this date will not be accepted.*

In 2007 over \$24,000 in Venture Grants went to the following organizations:

ACAP (Association for Child Abuse Prevention) was awarded funds for the 2008 "Celebrate Parents" conference. This conference is designed to provide parents with children of all age groups information on a wide variety of topics related to positive rearing of children.

CNCAA – Central Nebraska Council on Alcoholism and Addictions was awarded a grant to implement a Youth Congress at the Middle School level. This one day conference offers middle school students the opportunity to develop and strengthen leadership skills through topical programs, dialogue and interaction with community leaders.

HALL COUNTY LEADERSHIP UNLIMITED- Youth Leadership Tomorrow (YLT) was awarded an expansion grant to serve twice the number of youth. YLT is a community leadership program for high school sophomores throughout Hall County. The program focuses on current community issues, developing leadership skills and encouraging students to make a positive impact in their school and community.

HEARTLAND CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) was awarded a grant to expand the program in Howard County to train community volunteers to be advocates for children in the foster care system.

HOPE HARBOR received a grant to provide Corrective Thinking Classes to persons who are residing in the homeless shelter. The 16 week class will cover a variety of topics related to common thinking errors, replacement thinking and numerous self-evaluation tools for personal growth and getting their lives back on track.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF GRAND ISLAND received an expansion grant for the Junior Achievement Kindergarten Program. This program will be offered to multiple kindergarten classrooms in the Grand Island area. Junior Achievement is currently offered in the 3-5 grade class rooms.

SALAVATION ARMY was awarded funds for the Project Child Safe to provide safe cribs and crib mattresses to pregnant and/or single mothers within the program guidelines.

THIRD CITY COMMUNITY CLINIC received start up funds for a free dental clinic in the Fall of 2007. The free dental clinic will focus on check ups and screenings with limited restorative services.

YWCA Parent Time Program was awarded a grant for three parenting classes. The classes are seven week educational programs to teach "Common Sense Parenting of Toddlers and Preschoolers". The course will be offered in the Fall, Spring and Summer.

*If you donated \$250 or more in 2007 and made payment by cash, check or credit card we are mailing out tax receipt letters for tax purposes by Thursday, January 31, 2008. If you do not receive a letter, please call 382-2675 or email info@heartlanduway.com.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Friday, February 29th 11-4pm  
Heartland United Way Office

### ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 18th  
Bosselman Conference Center  
at Heartland Events Center  
5:30 Social, 6:00pm Dinner  
Cost: \$20/pp  
Please RSVP to 382-2675

### COMMUNITY INVESTMENT (Agency Fund Distribution)

April 15, 16, 18, 21, 22, 24  
Contact us at 382-2675 if you  
are interested in serving on  
the Community Investment  
Committee.

## BOARD SPOTLIGHT

### HUW Board Member Term 2006-2010

Shirley Schultz is a furniture sales specialist with Eakes Office Plus. She is married to Gregg Schultz, an investigator with the Hall Co. Sheriff's Office and have a daughter named Madison. Shirley is a member of Peace Lutheran Church and serves on the board for Cedar Hollow PTO. Shirley is a past board member for BBBS and is a graduate of Leadership Tomorrow, Class #13.



## AGENCY UPDATES

**Big Brothers Big Sisters** is asking anyone with gently used prom, bridesmaid, or formal dresses, along with any jewelry or shoes, to donate them to the first ever Glamorous Generosity. This event will help provide prom attire for girls who would otherwise not be able to afford the apparel. Collection sites in Grand Island accepting donations include: Bridal Collection, Conestoga Mall Customer Service, YWCA, and Big Brothers Big Sisters. These sites will accept donations thru March 6th. We will have a boutique in the mall for anyone in need of inexpensive prom attire on Saturday, March 8 from 10am-6pm, Sunday, March 9 from noon-6pm, Saturday, March 15 from 10am-6pm, and Sunday, March 16 from noon to 6pm.

**Bowl for Kids' Sake 2008** is March 28, 29 and April 4, 5! Sign up your team today online at www.bbbsgi.org, click on the "Bowl for Kids' Sake Tab. This year we will be offering the chance to win a trip! To be eligible for the drawing, a business or organization needs to form three or more teams. If you would like to sponsor the event, volunteer, or for more information please contact Rhonda at 308-384-3456.

**CE NE Community Services** has openings for our Supportive Housing Project and if anyone wants us to come talk to their agency about the program give us a call at 385-5500.

The **Third City Community Clinic** will begin taking children with Medicaid that cannot find a dentist. We will do cleaning and screenings as well as doing children with no insurance, and no funds. We are located at 1107 N. Broadwell or call 398-5312.

The 20th Annual **Red Cross** Chili Cook Off is going to be held the February 16th 11:30-1:30pm at Fonner Park. There is a raffle that includes many prizes including a TV, 1/2 beef, various gift certificates, baskets and other exciting additions. If you are interested in being a chef, please contact Angi at 308-382-3790 right away. Tickets for the meal and raffle tickets will be available soon.

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