

United Way  
of the Ouachitas

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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS JANUARY 2017 12TH EDITION



Lakeside 7th Graders convert plastic bags to plastic yarn for making homeless mats

## "Point in Time" Homeless Count

United Way of the Ouachitas will lead the Southwest Arkansas Partnership on Homelessness in conducting the 2017 homeless count in Garland and Montgomery Counties. This annual "snapshot" of the number of Americans living in places not fit for human habitation is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The count is national in scope and is always scheduled during the last ten days of January. Donations of hygiene items, warm clothing and socks can be dropped off at the United Way and will be distributed on the day of the count, Tuesday the 24th, at The Webb Center. The Salvation Army will be serving coffee and snacks starting at 6:30 in the morning. SWAP members have recruited as many as 40 volunteers who will canvass the county; another dozen volunteers will gather in Mt. Ida, and activities will be going on in Hot Spring County as well. Last year's count found about 175 homeless adults and children in our area. SWAP meets at United Way on the third Thursday of every month at 2 p.m., all are welcome.

## Important Dates

**Tuesday, January 17:**  
United Way of the Ouachitas  
Board of Directors Annual Retreat,  
11:00 - 3:00

**Wednesday, January 18:**  
"The Heart Beat" features  
Accessible Legal Services, Inc.,  
8:00 KUHSradio.org 97.9 FM

**Thursday, January 19:**  
"Take Out and Training" with  
Kerri Sernel, Arkansas Advocates  
for Children and Families, 11:30 -  
1:00, register at [Take Out and  
Training](#)

**Thursday, January 19:**  
"Point in Time" volunteer training  
at 2 p.m. at United Way

**Thursday, January 19:**  
Greater Hot Springs Chamber of  
Commerce Awards Banquet  
featuring nomination of United  
Way of the Ouachitas as  
Organization of the Year! 6 p.m. at  
Horner Hall

**Friday, January 20:**



The 2017 Point in Time Count will focus especially on homeless youth ages 18-24.

## "The Hero Effect" Features Human Trafficking

The third episode of "The Hero Effect (More Too Life)" will air **January 14 at 9 a.m. Central Time on OWN**, the Oprah Winfrey Network (OWN). Dr. Brook Bello is a survivor of human trafficking. She founded More Too Life, which advocates for all youth and the victims of human trafficking, rape, incest, prostitution, and farm/domestic servitude. Her efforts include restorative justice, demand prevention, street outreach, and human rights issues. United Way Suncoast was an important partner in the production of this episode.

*In Garland County, United Way of the Ouachitas participates in the Human Trafficking Task Force which meets monthly at City Hall.*

Arkansas United Ways State Association meeting at United Way of the Ouachitas, 10 a.m.

**Saturday, January 21:**  
Martin Luther King Prayer Breakfast, 8:30 at Horner Hall

**Tuesday, January 24:**  
"Point in Time" Homeless Count

**Friday, January 27:**  
United Way of the Ouachitas grant proposal deadline, 5:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 31:**  
Ouachita Area Youth Council meeting, 1:00 p.m. at Ouachita Behavioral Health and Wellness

**Wednesday, February 15:**  
United Way Centennial Anniversary Celebration program at National Park Rotary Club, 12 p.m., Arlington Hotel

**Wednesday, February 22:**  
United Way sponsors the Hot Springs Village Chamber of Commerce "Partner Up" lunch at Good Sam's, 12:00 p.m.

**Friday, March 31:**  
United Way of the Ouachitas presents the 4th Annual "We've Got Talent" contest, 7:00 p.m. at Jessierville Performing Arts Center

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