

United Way
of the Ouachitas

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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS APRIL 2017 15TH EDITION



Josue Ibarra accepts First Place trophy from Greg Jones while Jane Browning lofts the traveling trophy that will go to Hot Springs High School

"We've Got Talent" Rocks the House

The United Way of the Ouachitas Fourth Annual "We've Got Talent!" show offered terrific entertainment to a crowd of about 200 in attendance at the beautiful Jessierville Performing Arts Center. Our thanks to Dr. Ralph Carter, Superintendent of Jessierville School District, and Lydia deSambourg, Musical Director, for being such wonderful hosts. The first place winner, Josue Ibarra of Hot Springs High School, earned \$1500 in scholarship funds for his school. The "Jazzeville" singers won second place with their acappella rendition of "Bohemian Rhapsody," earning



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The fourth and final "Arkansas Gives" event takes place Thursday, April 6, from 8:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m. The all day, online giving event generates bonuses and

\$1000. Third place winner Shaun Holland of Magnet Cove High School took the \$500 prize. Davis Tillman was our Master of Ceremonies, and Tom Moore of Jordan Woosley Crone and Keaton tabulated our results. Josh Allen of First Step provided special entertainment, and Spa City Youngbloods, from Blues in the Schools, provided the grand finale. Many thanks to our hard-working "Talent" committee: Jackie Arrison, Terry Wallace, Kelly Bales, Sarah Oatsvall, Pam Perry, Jean Lacefield, Debbie Ugbade, Brandon Scott, Katie Yamauchi, and Katie Gibson. Our generous sponsors for the event were the Morris Foundation, Entergy, Diamond Lakes Federal Credit Union, Ike Eisenhower State Farm Insurance Agency, 61 Celsius, and MedExpress.



"We've Got Talent" judges panel: Clif Coleman, Tiffany Thornton, Amy Bramlett, Paul Graves, and Marsalis Weatherspoon with "founder" Terry Wallace

United Way Day of Caring

Join a whole community of volunteers in our single day of work projects, the Day of Caring. We kick off with a hearty breakfast at 7:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Family Life Center, with staff from BancorpSouth and the Chamber of Commerce cooking up our pancakes. Teams of volunteers then don their special tee shirts and fan out across town to perform "labors of love" at a score of non-profit agencies. To join the fun, [sign up on our website](#).

matching funds for participating charities. Go to www.arkansasgives.org, select your favorite charities, and donate generously. You must use a credit card and there is a \$25 minimum. Please remember to include United Way of the Ouachitas in your giving list, and support the wide array of programs we represent all in one gift!

Need Help?

Visit [the Ouachita Area Resource Guide](#) to find assistance in any county in the Ouachita Region in any of 32 topical areas. The Ouachita Area Resource Guide is a comprehensive guide to services in our area, complete with contact names, hours of operation, services offered, websites and phone numbers. The Guide is a service of the United Way of the Ouachitas and the Ouachita Area Youth Council. To add information or suggest a change, contact jane.browning@unitedway.org.

CIT Teams at Work

If you see a convoy of cars darting from one non-profit agency to another this week, you just might be witnessing a United Way Community Impact Team making its site visits to prospective Partner agencies. These hard-working volunteers have studied the grant proposals submitted for funding this year and are now touring facilities and talking to staff to learn all they can before making their funding recommendations to the United Way Board.

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