

United Way
of the Ouachitas

LIVE UNITED



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS MAY 2017 16TH EDITION



Amazing things happen in a baby's brain during the first five years of life...

United Way Presents The Summit on Childhood Success

The United Way of the Ouachitas Childhood Success Advisory Council in partnership with First Step and Child Care Aware presents The Summit on Childhood Success. The conference will take place Tuesday, May 30 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at National Park College in the Dierks Building auditorium. Early Bird registration is \$15, and \$20 after May 12th. The day-long Summit will explore how we move from our current situation with 33.3% of children in Garland County living in poverty to all children reading at grade level by grade three. Featured speakers are Mr. Kim Davis, Walton Family Foundation; Pam Toler, Childhood Education ASU; Angela Duran, Campaign for Grade Level Reading (Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation); Glenda Bean, Southern Early Childhood Association; and Joan Manzilla, Healthy Connections. Early Bird registration is \$15, and \$20 after May 12th. The fee includes lunch, and certification of six contact hours for continuing credit education. Register by clicking on the Summit banner at the United Way website.



Kroger Donates Tree

Kroger Community Service is noted for giving back to the community and Kroger Store 590 chose United Way of the Ouachitas as a recipient of this lovely flowering crabapple tree as a token of their appreciation for the good



125 volunteers turned out for the 2017 Day of Caring

United Way Day of Caring

A gorgeous sunny day greeted teams of volunteers as they gathered for the Day of Caring kick-off breakfast on Thursday, April 27. Staff from the Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce and Bancorp South flipped flapjacks and sausage at the First United Methodist Church Family Life Center. From there, the volunteers spread all across the region to perform works of service for area non-profit agencies by doing painting, landscaping, packing food boxes and reading to children. Thanks to our sponsors Arvest Bank, Diamond Lakes Federal Credit Union, First Security Bank, Security Bank, BancorpSouth, Southern Bancorp, Relyance Bank, the Pancake House and Rave Grafix for helping to make this day such a big success!

RIBBON CUTTING!!

To honor the 100th Anniversary of United Way in Hot Springs and celebrate our new name as United Way of the Ouachitas, the Chamber of Commerce will stage a ribbon cutting at our office on Tuesday, May 25 at 1:30 p.m. Come on over to get a look at our beautiful new paint job, provided by our very own Day of Caring team from Smith Consumer Products, Inc. All are welcome!

2nd Annual Golf Tournament August 16

work we do. Casey Ward sets the tree in place as Associate Director Katie Gibson looks on.

Arkansas Gives!!

Arkansas Gives, a one-day online philanthropic opportunity, broke records with over \$5.5 million in total gifts across the state. United Way of the Ouachitas got a share of the gifts and bonus dollars provided by Arkansas Community Foundation, for a total of \$3,400 to help us support non-profit programs in the Ouachita region. Many thanks to our generous contributors!

The Treehouse

The seventh episode of The Hero Effect airs Saturday, May 13 at 9:00 a.m. Central Time on OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network. "Treehouse Foundation" highlights a community founded to ensure children who have experienced foster care find lifelong family relationships.

May is National Foster Care Month!

Flooding in Northeast Arkansas

United Way of Northeast Arkansas has established a relief fund to help victims of flooding in the Pochontas area. Send your donations to United Way of the Ouachitas and we will transfer your funds to their account.

United Way of the Ouachitas is pleased to present its second annual golf tournament. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, August 16, shotgun start beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Once again, we will be playing the Balboa Golf Course in Hot Springs Village. Super volunteer Paul Nothern leads the planning effort and invites all to join us in this super fun event.

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