



Picture credit to realclearlife.com of Hurricane Harvey evacuee.

Networking for Resources



CharityTracker

United Way of the Ouachitas hosts a local crisis response network called Charity Tracker.

It is "a web application for shared case management used to gather and report statistical data for resource development, strategic planning, measuring outcomes, reducing duplication and disaster relief." The free community wide website will help nonprofit organizations, faith based communities, schools, government agencies, and so many other public and nonprofit organizations. Charity Tracker also alerts fellow network users about potential fraud alerts. However, this web application is also good for sharing what resources organizations can assist with; whether it be food, paying a utility bill, giving an individual a place to sleep for the night, volunteering to fix somebody's roof and so many other needs.

In view of the recent disaster in Texas, evacuees will be coming to the Hot Springs area. They will need assistance. Here is the perfect opportunity to join as a community to help. The more local public and nonprofit organizations on the network, the more our community can help when the evacuees arrive.

To find out more information or to sign up to join the network, please call the United Way office at 501.623.2505 or email jane.browning@unitedway.org or katie.yamauchi@unitedway.org. If your organization is already in the network and you would like extra training, we will be having our next Take Out and Training session on the operations of Charity Tracker presented by Cooperative Christian Ministries and Clinic Executive Director, Lynn Blankenship. If you would like to attend on September 21st from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, please register at <https://www.unitedwayouachitas.org/tnt-take-out-and-training> or call 501.623.2505.

HURRICANE HARVEY DISASTER RELIEF

United Way of the Ouachitas convened area emergency response agencies to prepare a joint statement on responding to Hurricane Harvey: "The American Red Cross has already set up 31 shelters in Texas and will be opened a super-shelter in Dallas for 5500 people Tuesday, August 29th. The Salvation Army has deployed 42 mobile feeding units, each capable of feeding 1500 meals a day.

AT THIS TIME, SMALL OFFERS OF IN-KIND DONATIONS OUTSIDE THE DISASTER AREA ARE NOT NEEDED. THE SUPPLIES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REACH TO THEM UNTIL THE ROADS ARE CLEARED.

Those wishing to assist are strongly encouraged to send cash donations to American Red Cross, The Salvation Army, United Way of Greater Houston for maximum impact. For Red Cross, text "HARVEY" TO 90999. For Salvation Army, text "STORM" to 51555. For United Way of Greater Houston, text "UWFLOOD" to 41444.

Those directly affected by the storm may apply for transitional assistance for [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov)"

Upcoming Events

The Heart Beat" Radio Show

Every Wednesday from
8:00 am - 8:30 am
FM 97.9 or KUHSradio.org
[Read More](#)

September Topics:

- Literacy Council of Garland County (9/6)
- The Salvation Army (9/13)

Prescription Discounts

FamilyWize Community Service Partnership is dedicated to providing resources and tools to help consumers understand their options when purchasing prescription medication. They are an organization that offers families and individuals access to their medications at a more affordable cost.



The FamilyWize business model is unique among providers of such cards - offering both transparency and the lowest possible prices for the cost of prescription medicine. Consumers actually can see the discounted prices at any of the 60,000 participating pharmacies using the same database that pharmacists see. This provides accurate, real-time information and helps consumers get the best possible price.

Recently, FamilyWize launched their new mobile app, its most streamlined version yet. It has significantly enhanced the app's performance and capabilities. Users can take advantage of the upgraded [Drug Price Look-up Tool](#), which makes it even easier to identify local pharmacies with the lowest FamilyWize price on their medications. The app also offers the [Medicine Cabinet](#), a cost-effective tool that gives users the ability to create a profile to bundle their prescriptions and save medications for future price look-ups. With the Medicine Cabinet, consumers can tailor their experience by identifying the most affordable option for their prescription: generic versus brand, and which pharmacy has the lowest FamilyWize price near their home zip code. The tool also allows for the addition or removal of prescriptions, changes in dosage, and preferred pharmacy location. Additionally, consumers can utilize pill and refill reminders, enjoy a faster user interface, and experience high-end designs. Smartphone users can download the new FamilyWize mobile app through their app store.

FamilyWize is accepted at most major retail and independent pharmacies nationwide, covering all FDA-approved prescription medications. Consumers are able to save an average of around 40 percent on medications using [the Free FamilyWize Prescription Discount Card](#), which they simply show to the pharmacist upon pickup. The card is free and has no eligibility requirements. To date, FamilyWize has helped over 10 million Americans save more than \$1 billion on their prescription drugs.

For more information about FamilyWize and their new mobile app, please visit www.familywize.org.

- Ouachita Children's Center (9/20)
- Jackson House (9/27)

Take Out 'N' Training

Every 3rd Thursday of each month at 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
United Way Office
[Read More](#)

September Topic

- "Charity Tracker: Our Resource Network" with Lynn Blankenship

Special Events

United Way of the Ouachitas and Ouachita Area Youth Council

Action Academy
Tuesday, Sept. 5th
Ouachita Behavioral Health and Wellness:
125 Dons Way
Registration at 8:30 am,
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

To RSVP, please email
Pati Trippel at
ptrippel@hotmail.com

Partner Events

Girl Scouts

Recruitment Event
Saturday, September 2nd
Hot Springs Mall

For more information,
please visit,
girlscoutsdiamonds.org

Girl Scouts

Fall Products Begin
Friday, September 8th

For more information,
please visit,
girlscoutsdiamonds.org

Food Day in Garland County

Hot Springs Farmer's Market
Saturday, September 23rd
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Jackson House

"Hunger No More"
Sacred Heart in Hot Springs
Village
Saturday, September 30th

Ouachita Region Supports STUFF THE BUS!

United Way of the Ouachitas wishes to thank **OUR** community for helping us "Stuff the Bus"!

On Saturday, August 5th, the United Way led volunteers in collecting donated school



supplies at area Walmart stores for local school districts: Cutter Morning Star, Fountain Lake, Hot Springs, Jessieville, Lake Hamilton, Lakeside, and Mountain Pine School Districts.

Al'Neysha, Mariah, Annalise and Mackenzie volunteering for Stuff the Bus on Central Avenue

Starts at 6:30 pm

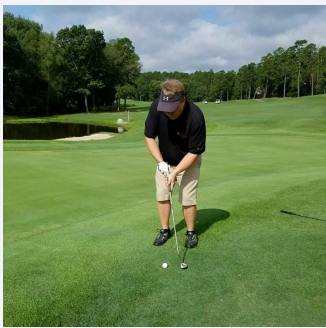
For more information, please contact 501.623.4048

Not all of the school districts provide supplies to their students as school begins, but even in those districts that do, backup supplies are needed for the rest of the year.

In total, 6,941 packages of school supplies were collected, with an additional \$2,143.24 in cash donations. United Way continues to collect supplies to share with area districts to ensure that all of our kids start school equipped with the supplies they need to be ready to learn.

Thank you to everyone who helped make "Stuff the Bus" a huge success!

Golf Tournament Success



Ron Magby lines up his putter on hole 18.

On Wednesday, August 16th, United Way staff and volunteers watched 21 - 4 person teams play 18 holes at the Hot Springs Village Balboa Golf Course.

The weather was perfect and there were smiles all around with comments of, "We'll be back next year!" from many.

The tournament netted \$7,391.01 to help support

United Way initiatives and programs.

Thanks again to our presenting sponsor, Mountain Valley Spring Water and our participating sponsors: ABI, Latt Bachelor, Bank of the Ozarks, Beam Asset Management, Chef Johnna's at the DeSoto Club, Citizens Bank, Diamond Bank Federal Credit Union, Elton & Virginia Taylor, Entergy, Eyecare Specialties, Good Spirits Wine & Liquor, Fleischner, Van Bebber & Malone, Ike Eisenhower Insurance, Prince and Touhey, Relyance Bank, ReMax of Hot Springs Village, Small & Associates, Southern Bancorp, and USBank.



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