

Did You Know?



- **The Carpenter's Helper** makes home repairs, such as building wheelchair ramps or repairing roofs, to improve the living conditions for elderly or disadvantaged individuals. Last year 31 homes were repaired.

- With help from United Way, **LIFE of Mississippi** provides durable medical equipment and supplies to disabled individuals to allow them to live independently.

- **ARC** has over 100 special needs children participate in its Summer Adventures program, where they go bowling, swimming and take field trips thanks to the help of many volunteers and United Way.

- **South Mississippi Children's Center** operates Project Safe Place, where youth can go to designated locations around the community if they are in a crisis situation. Last year, 32 children utilized Safe Place and were housed at the shelter.



- In addition to its full-time academic programs, **DuBard School for Language Disorders** offers a LEAP program on an outclient basis for students with challenges in reading, spelling and written language. Students may have a diagnosis of dyslexia or a specific learning disability in reading.

- Last year, over 4,000 kindergarten-high school students received alcohol, tobacco and drug prevention classes taught by **DREAM**.



- In 2009, **Christian Services** fed over 84,000 daily meals in its free soup kitchen and an additional 65,767 meals through its Meals on Wheels program for home-bound senior citizens.

- **The Salvation Army** does much more than disaster relief and seasonal assistance. The Salvation Army is also a church. It has worship services every Sunday and Bible studies every Wednesday.



- In 2009, **Hattiesburg Area Habitat for Humanity** began its first subdivision with a Blitz Build - building 5 homes in 3 days!

- Last year **R3SM** assisted with home repairs or rebuilds for over 500 people in Forrest, Lamar and Perry counties who were still facing damage due to Hurricane Katrina.





- **American Red Cross** provides emergency communication for our military. Your United Way dollars help families contact their loved ones in emergency situations. Last year, the South Central MS chapter helped over 850 families with emergency communication.

- United Way of Southeast Mississippi collaborated with other agencies to form **Friends for Financial Freedom**. In the past year, 70 participants have graduated from the money management class, which provides basic financial education and counseling to individuals who have a history of needing financial assistance.

- Thanks to help from United Way, **The Family Y** does not turn away anyone because of inability to pay. Financial assistance is provided on a sliding scale for all programs and services.

- In 2009, 1,408 young boys participated in the Scoutreach division of the **Boy Scouts**. This program provides Scouting opportunities for underprivileged boys who could not normally afford Scouting. Last year 3 of these Scoutreach Scouts earned their Eagle Scout rank.



- About 1,600 crisis calls were answered by the **Domestic Abuse Family Shelter** last year, and 146 people were housed at the Hattiesburg shelter.

- If a homicide occurs in a person's home, the **Shafer Center for Crisis Intervention** will provide crime scene clean-up after the police investigation, so that family members will not have to deal with this emotional task. The Shafer Center also offers a support group for survivors of homicide.

- The **Children's Center for Communication and Development** does not charge for any of its services. Infants and toddlers who may not be able to speak at all or sit or stand on their own learn through speech therapy and/or physical and occupational therapy.

- Over 200 children were mentored by a positive role model through **Big Brothers Big Sisters** last year, but sadly, there are children consistently on the waiting list for a mentor.

