



**2009/2010**

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**  
**Allocations Committee**

**United Way of Wyoming County**

**Note:** The Board of Directors voted to approve the recommendations of this report in their entirety on September 23, 2009.

**UNITED WAY OF WYOMING COUNTY  
2009 ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE**

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## **Transmittal Statement**

To: Donald O'Geen, President  
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From: Norbert Fuest, Chair  
Allocations Committee

The report that follows has recommendations for the allocation of funds raised through the United Way of Wyoming County 2009 Campaign.

The report includes three major divisions:

- A. ***Summary of the Fund Distribution and Review Process*** - describes the process and timetable used in reaching these recommendations.
- B. ***Allocable Funds and Recommendations*** - records the recommendations of the Committee for support to local programs based on provider visits, conferences, review of budgets, program descriptions, and narratives.
- C. ***2009-2010 Program Investments***- summarizes program services and recommended investments.

The recommendations found in this report are the result of an in-depth review of each provider's funding application and information gathered from site visits and conferences. Allocation Committee members, with support from United Way of Greater Rochester staff, have invested considerable time and exercised their best judgment in carrying out their responsibilities to make allocation decisions that are fair and consistent with allocable funds.

My deepest gratitude is extended to members of the Allocations Committee and staff for their many hours of preparation and forethought. The community can be proud of the results attained through this thoughtful process and the dedicated efforts of the Committee.

## **Summary of the Fund Distribution and Review Process**

### ***Overview:***

The allocation recommendations contained in this report are based on funds available through campaign, as well as a thorough review of provider applications and information gathered through site visits, conferences, and telephone interviews. The reporting requirements for local service providers this year were consistent with last year. The providers submitted a budget and program description that outlined service methodology, population served, community need, and the program's impact on its clients.

Allocation Committee members contacted many of the provider applicants to become further familiar with programs and funding requests. Additionally, the Allocations Committee held conferences with selected providers. Providers selected for conferences included ones that were in the process of or had recently completed a merger.

### ***Application and Review Process:***

The major steps in the process included the following:

May 22, 2009	Fund availability announcement and application packets mailed to providers.
July 13	Applications due.
July 29	Allocations Committee orientation.
July 30-August 12	Volunteers conduct provider visits.
August 12	Conferences with selected applicants.
August 19	Allocations Committee review and recommendations.
September 23	Board approval.
September 28	Final allocation notices sent to providers by this date.
October 1, 2009	Payment to providers.

## Allocable Funds and Recommendations

### Allocable Dollars

Available allocable dollars for United Way of Wyoming County were derived in the following manner:

2009 Campaign dollars:

Fall Campaign	11,117
Spring Campaign	145,548
Regional Firms	12,287
Total Campaign	168,952

Other revenue sources:

SEFA /CFC Designations	135
Revenue from other United Ways outside region	3,136
Revenue from other United Ways w/in region	9,788

Expenses

Designation fees on member agencies	(841)
Pledge Loss	(7,990)
Admin fee (based on prior year results)	(26,916)
Donor choice - nonmember, other UW and other regional UW's	(11,277)

**Total available for allocation**

**\$ 134,988**

### Recommendations

**Investing a total of \$139,788 to support justified levels of provider services in 2009-2010.** Funding of the full recommendations will require taking **\$4,800** out of contingency. In making this recommendation, the Committee took in account the net income from the candy sales, which is about **\$4,800** to date.

This was a very difficult year for the Allocations Committee, as the amount available was **\$19,194** less than the **\$154,182** allocated to programs for 2008-2009. The Committee believes that it is appropriate to utilize the net income from candy sales in allocations. Utilizing it will allow us, in some cases, to keep the program allocations of agencies that participated in the sales (and other fundraising activities) flat with last years' allocation and in other cases, making a lesser cut than would be necessary if this income was not utilized.

## 2009-2010 Program Investment Recommendations

Provider	Program	Investment
<b>American Red Cross-Genesee Regional</b>	<b>Wyoming Local Disaster Response and Education</b> meets the emergency needs of disaster victims for shelter, food, clothing, and maintenance medication.	\$8,500
<b>Arc, Livingston-Wyoming</b>	<b>The Recreation Program</b> provides recreation and socialization to developmentally disabled adults and children. This program provides much needed respite to caregivers, as well as improving the participants' self-esteem and social skills.	\$7,588
<b>Boy Scouts of America, Iroquois Trail Council</b>	<b>Comprehensive Youth Development (Traditional Scouting)</b> develops youths' leadership ability, life skills, and a values system based on the Scout Oath and Law. Participants learn by doing, while recognizing their duty to God, their country, and to other people.	\$10,000
<b>Girl Scouts of Western New York</b>	<b>Leadership Development</b> provides a unique environment where girls develop assets critical to success in an ever-changing world. In partnership with committed adults, girls develop strong values, a social conscience and conviction of their own potential and self-worth.	\$10,000
<b>HomeCare &amp; Hospice</b>	<b>Hospice Services in Wyoming County</b> provides specialized medical care and social/emotional support to terminally ill patients. Bereavement services are also provided to family members.	\$22,000
<b>Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of WY County (Catholic Charities of Buffalo, NY)</b>	<b>Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of Eastern Wyoming County</b> uses trained volunteers to provide a variety of services to the frail elderly and hospitalized individuals.	\$2,200
<b>Literacy Volunteers of Wyoming County</b>	<b>Adult Tutoring Program</b> matches trained, volunteer tutors with individuals needing to increase their basic reading, writing and basic math skills.	\$5,000
<b>Mental Health Association</b>	<b>Hands and Hearts Together Thrift Store</b> provides a vocational opportunity for mental health recipients as a transition to competitive employment.	\$2,000
	<b>Peer Advocacy</b> provides one-on-one support to mentally ill individuals, including advocacy and linkage to services, to promote independence, self-sufficiency and self-confidence.	\$2,100
<b>Project Read of Wyoming County</b>	<b>Project Read</b> develops literacy skills in young children through services designed to encourage parents to read to their children.	\$4,400
<b>Warsaw Food Pantry, United Church of Warsaw</b>	<b>Warsaw Food Pantry</b> distributes nutritious food to Wyoming County families with emergency needs.	\$5,500
<b>Western New York Rural Area Health Education Center</b>	<b>Honeycomb Afterschool Program</b> is an enrichment program for Perry Central elementary and middle school students. Programming is designed to improve student competencies, reduce negative youth behavior and provide a safer after-school environment.	\$6,000

<b>Wyoming County Business Center and Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce</b>	<b>Leadership Wyoming</b> is a community-based leadership development program that is designed to create and inform an active group of leaders committed to the common good of Wyoming County.	\$3,000
<b>Wyoming County Business Education Council</b>	<b>Youth Employment and Career Awareness Preparation</b> provides career exploration activities to provide youth with the tools to achieve academic success and to be prepared for the workforce.	\$11,500
<b>Wyoming County Community Action</b>	<p><b>Emergency Shelter Program</b> provides emergency shelter assistance to low income families in order to prevent homelessness.</p> <p><b>Shutoff Prevention Program</b> provides emergency utility assistance for low income families in order to prevent homelessness.</p> <p><b>Angel Action</b> utilizes a network of committed volunteers and partnerships with community members and agencies to create a network of service provision dedicated to assist disadvantaged individuals achieve or maintain self-sufficiency.</p>	<p>\$6,000</p> <p>\$8,000</p> <p>\$15,000</p>
<b>Wyoming County YMCA</b>	<b>YMCA Scholarship Assistance</b> affords low-income residents access to YMCA programming and services.	\$11,000