



**United Way
of Lawton-Fort Sill**

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United Way Announces Agency Allocations

Lawton, Okla.- The United Way of Lawton-Fort Sill's Board of Directors voted last Wednesday approving the Funds Distribution Committee's recommendations on Partner Agency Funding. The Funds Distribution Committee is made up of seventy local volunteers from around the area. Their funding recommendations are made after a thorough review of the requesting agency's funding application, financial statements, program goals and outcomes, and an agency visit. "The volunteers of the committee did a wonderful job. It is extremely difficult to make some of these funding decisions, especially when requests for funding exceed what we have available to allocate." Teresa Abram, chair of the funds distribution committee and member of the board of directors for the United Way of Lawton-Fort Sill said.

The United Way of Lawton-Fort Sill raised 90% of its' \$1.825 million dollar goal in the fall campaign drive. While this is a \$100,000 shortfall from the previous year, officials at United Way are not daunted by this. "With business closings and layoffs in the past two years, we knew we had a tough year ahead of us for our campaign." Katie Noffske, executive director said. "The staff and volunteers of United Way continue to find new ways of building support for our mission and to ensure that critical services provided by our funded partners continue to be made available to citizens in Southwest Oklahoma."

The 2013-2014 Partner Agencies are:

- American Red Cross, Great Plains Service Center: \$63,000
- Armed Services YMCA: \$64,000
- Boy Scouts of America, Last Frontier Council: \$45,000
- C. Carter Crane Shelter for the Homeless: \$74,000
- CASA of Southwest Oklahoma: \$15,000
- Catholic Charities: \$18,000
- Center for Creative Living: \$47,500
- Christian Family Counseling Services: \$25,000
- Family Promise of Lawton: \$25,000

- Girl Scouts of Western Oklahoma: \$12,000
- Hearts that Care Volunteer Health Clinic: \$50,000
- J. Roy Dunning Children's Shelter: \$130,000
- Lawton Food Bank: \$80,000
- Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma: \$13,000
- Marie Detty Youth and Family Service Center: \$132,000
- Roadback, Inc.: \$65,000
- The Salvation Army: \$175,000
- Teen Court: \$45,000
- YMCA: \$45,000

For more information on volunteer opportunities with United Way, please contact us at 580-355-0218.

About the United Way of Lawton-Fort Sill:

The United Way funds 19 local agencies and their various programs that address community issues. . The United Way is a charitable organization and depends on volunteers and the generosity of the local community to fulfill its mission. For more information, please visit www.uvlawton.org .