

Media Release

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United Way to Kickoff Campaign and Honor Long-time Volunteer at Day of Caring

Lawton, Okla.- The United Way of Lawton-Fort Sill will hold its annual Day of Caring and Campaign Kickoff breakfast on Friday, September 7th. Southwestern Medical Center is once again this years' generous sponsor for the event which will be held at the Great Plains Technology Center, Worley Center, Building 300 at 8:00 a.m. The Breakfast is free and open to the public.

The 2012 Pacesetter companies will announce the amounts they have raised in the campaign and the total campaign dollars raised to date will be announced.

The United Way board is also making an announcement at the breakfast that will honor long-time volunteer David Hegwood. David was active in a variety of United Way activities to include serving as a Loaned Executive and later Chair of the Loaned Executive program, Campaign Cabinet, and served on the board from 2006-2010.

This year Day of Caring was expanded beyond the agencies United Way funds and was opened up to any 501c3 who applied for a project. A full list of the projects for Day of Caring is attached.

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 <u>www.uwlawton.org</u>.

Day of Caring Projects

American Red Cross: Clean and reorganize disaster warehouse

Armed Services YMCA: Sprucing up Playground, sprucing up Agency

Boy Scouts: Painting Boy Scout Service Center

C. Carter Crane Shelter for the Homeless: Repair steps, landscaping, work on parking lot

Catholic Charities: Spring cleaning and putting up shelves

Christian Family Counseling Center: Wash windows

Girl Scouts: Fall cleaning of Ft. Sill GS Hut

J. Roy Dunning Children's Shelter: Painting hallways and bedrooms

Lawton Family YMCA: Various projects at Camp Hoffman, clearing area and building a Low Ropes Course

Lawton Food Bank: Filling boxes with food

Lawton Housing Authority Youth Center: Painting Art room

Little Chapel of Lawton: Cleaning

Roadback, Inc.: Building a cover over porch, building 8 sets of picnic tables, building a shade cover between apartments

Teen Court: painting office

The Salvation Army: Spruce up Playground, paint building, sorting donations in warehouses of thrift stores

United Way: set up and take down of kickoff decorations