

United Way campaign in full swing for Pacesetters

It is the end of summer, and for the paceset-ting Hanford contractors, the United Way fund-raising campaign is already in full swing. For the rest of the community, the drive begins Sept. 4 and ends Nov. 14. Pacesetters are companies that start the local United Way drives early and keep the momentum up throughout the fund-raising campaign. This year, CH2M HILL Hanford Group, Fluor Hanford and Pacific Northwest National Laboratory are leading the Pacesetters campaign for the United Way's Hanford division. Co-chairmen for the Hanford division this year are CH2M HILL Hanford Group Vice President of Human Resources and Communications Pat Hickerson; Hanford Atomic Metal Trades Council President Tom Schaffer; and PNNL President and Chief Executive Officer Len Peters.

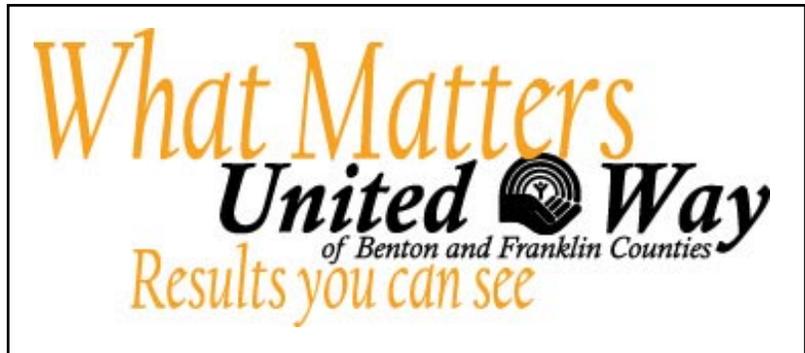
The United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties is a local not-for-profit organization governed by a 75-member volunteer board of directors. When you donate money to the United Way, your donation is pooled with the donations of other people and organizations. The pool of money is distributed to organizations in the community that help children, teens, adults, families, seniors, people with disabilities, and people in need of safety, education, training, stability, food, short-term housing, medical care, jobs, youth development or quality child care. You may also specifically designate a donation to any not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

An easy way to donate is through payroll deduction, although donations are accepted in the form of cash, personal checks or credit cards.

This year the United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties' fund-raising goal is \$4 million. In the past, donations from the Hanford workforce have contributed approximately 50 percent of the fund-raising goal.

Jody Briones, Fluor Hanford's United Way chairman for 2003, commented that Fluor's main goal this year is to increase the percentage of its employees who participate in the campaign. "When people understand what United Way does, and how important this organization is to our community, we hope that more employees will donate to United Way and even volunteer their time to help out some of the agencies that United Way supports," Briones said.

As part of their support for United Way, Hanford contractors make some of their employees available to help with the fund-raising campaign.



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Fluor Hanford's Jim Millbauer, a pipefitter and chief union steward with 200 Area Fabrication Services, is returning for a third year to serve as a loaned executive to the United Way campaign. He helps with Fluor Hanford and HAMTC rallies to encourage worker participation in the United Way campaign. "Fluor Hanford makes it easy to help United Way," he said. "They pay for my time and they match 50 percent of the employees' contributions. What easier way is there to give back to your community? Making your donation through payroll deduction is almost painless."

Aome employers match a percentage of their employees' contributions to United Way. The Fluor Foundation donates 50 cents for every dollar Fluor Hanford and Fluor Federal Services employees donate. CH2M HILL donates 25 cents for every dollar their employees donate. Other companies like Battelle and Bechtel make corporate donations to United Way. ■