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## 2008 Annual Report

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*Making your Caring Count*





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### **Description**

United Way of Eastern Oregon is an autonomous non-profit organization dedicated to helping the residents of Union & Baker County. Through a single community-wide campaign, volunteers raise funds to support non-profit Union & Baker County agencies that provide human health and welfare services and valuable community programs.

United Way of Eastern Oregon is governed by a local volunteer Board of Directors. Great care is taken that the thirty members of the Board of Directors are representative of the diversity in the Union & Baker County business, public, and private sectors. Staff consists of one part-time Executive Director who is in charge of the daily operations of the organization under the direction of the Board of Directors.

Funded agencies must prove they are doing the best possible job of meeting community needs and priorities. Volunteers analyze budget requests and review every program. They investigate the agencies' performance, administration and financial management, as well as its responsiveness to donors' needs. Contributions are distributed to those agencies and programs that provide help to the people of Union & Baker County where it is needed most.

The United Way of Eastern Oregon Mission is:

*To unite Union & Baker County in supporting local non-profit agencies which provide human services for its residents.*

We accomplish our Mission by:

- ◆ Providing an efficient and organized annual campaign to solicit and distribute donations for local agencies.
- ◆ Reviewing agencies' needs and accomplishments annually to ensure that contributors' support is used efficiently and effectively.

- ◆ Increasing our community's knowledge of local agencies' services, accomplishments, and needs.
- ◆ Enhancing community participation in and support of local agencies.
- ◆ Offering Union & Baker County businesses and residents an opportunity to make one annual donation that will support local agencies.

United Way of Eastern Oregon is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation and has been in existence for over fifty years. Although its name has changed over the years, its reason for being, helping local residents, has not. Its offices are located at 61988 Cottonwood Road, P.O. Box 862, La Grande, Oregon 97850.

## Events

Our campaign kick-off was held on September 6, 2008 in conjunction with The Observer annual benefit golf tournament at the Buffalo Peak Golf Course in Union, Oregon. The weather cooperated with a sunny day, dinner was wonderful, the raffle and auction had fantastic prizes donated by local individuals and businesses, and a great time was had by all. It was a very successful tournament raising over \$11,000 after expenses.

## Constituent Agencies

Each year, a committee of dedicated volunteers spends dozens of hours reviewing community needs, studying agency proposals, and interviewing organizations in order to determine where contributions can make the biggest impact in Union & Baker County. Following is a list of funded agencies for 2008:

### **American Red Cross**

1806 Cove Ave.  
La Grande, OR 97850 (541) 962-0952  
2020 Church Street  
Baker City, OR 97814 (541) 523-9520

Services include emergency assistance to victims of home fires to meet immediate needs for shelter, food, and clothing. General disaster response, education, and preparation. First aid/CPR courses, water safety classes, services to the military, and blood collections.

### **Baker County Court Appointed Special Advocates (C.A.S.A.)**

1995 Third Street  
Baker City, OR 97814 (541) 523-9520

Their mission is to make a difference in the lives of abused and neglected

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children from Baker County through volunteer advocacy. They recruit, train, and mentor volunteers to be the “child’s voice” in the courtroom.

**Baker County Sheriff Search and Rescue**

3410 K Street

Baker City, OR 97814 (541) 523-6415

The Baker County Sheriff Search and Rescue is a volunteer team of Baker County residents who come together for one goal which is to look for and respond to lost or injured people in the water or on land.

**Blue Mountain Council Boy Scouts of America**

2301 Adams Ave.

La Grande, OR 97850 (541) 963-2858

An integrated program, involving hundreds of boys & girls in Union & Baker Counties, of educational opportunities through actual participation in outdoor and career learning experiences under the direction of volunteer Scouting leaders.

**Bread of Life**

3453 H Street

Baker City, OR 97814 (541) 523-3604

The Bread of Life food bank is fully staffed by dedicated volunteers who provide food and household products to low-income individuals and families in Baker County.

**Community Connection**

**After School Child Care Program - "Kid's Club"**

104 Elm Street

La Grande, OR 97850 (541) 963-3186

Provides affordable, structured, day care for K-6 grade children. Children have a safe, stable, and productive environment to go to when school is not in service while their parents work or attend school. Transportation included.

**Compassionate Friends**

2520 Indiana Ave.

Baker City, OR 97814 (541) 524-1993

The Eastern Oregon Chapter of The Compassionate Friends is a support group for bereaved parents that helps families toward the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child of any age, from any cause. They provide support, information, and a safe place to grieve.

**Elgin Food Bank**

703 Division Street

Elgin, OR 97827 (541) 437-8714

An organization operated by volunteers and dedicated to providing supplemental food and household items to income eligible individuals and families living in Elgin, Summerville, and Imbler areas.

**MayDay**

1933 Court Ave.

Baker City, OR 97814 (541) 962-0952

MayDay offers assistance, support and counsel to domestic violence, sexual assault and elder abuse victims in order to achieve freedom from fear, pain, and abuse; freedom to live as happy, healthy individuals.

**Mount Emily Safe Center**

2107 Third Street

La Grande, OR 97850 (541) 963-0602

Provides a safe environment where children are examined and interviewed regarding child abuse. They minimize further trauma to victims and families by coordinating supportive expert evaluations in one location.

**Neighbor to Neighbor Ministries**

PO Box 1135

La Grande, OR 97850 (541) 963-9126

Works with other agencies to help the needy, elderly, disabled and their caregivers.

**North Powder Food Bank**

PO Box 277

North Powder, OR 97867 (541) 898-2146

An organization operated by volunteers and dedicated to providing supplemental food and household items to income eligible individuals and families living in the North Powder area.

**The Salvation Army**

1114 Y Avenue

La Grande, OR 97850 (541) 963-4829

2505 Broadway

Baker City, OR 97814 (541) 523-5853

Offers a variety of services to the public including disbursal of food, clothing and furniture through the social service program. They offer services for emergencies, back to school supplies, Christmas food baskets, and youth programs.

**Shelter From the Storm**

PO Box 173

La Grande, OR 97850 (541) 963-7226

Working to create a violence free society - the Shelter provides direct services to

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victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, their children, families, and friends in a safe environment.

**Silver Sage Girl Scout Council, Inc.**

Headquarters, 1410 Etheridge Lane  
Boise, ID 83704 (208) 377-2011

Preeminent organization dedicated to girls – all girls – where, in an accepting and nurturing environment, girls develop strong values, conviction about their own potential and self-worth, and skills for success in the real world. Troops are lead by local volunteer leaders in their homes or at local churches.

**The Stepping Stone Foundation**

2109 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
La Grande, OR 97850  
(541) 962-7708

Provides community-based, comprehensive housing solutions for at-risk individuals and provides tools to achieve personal sustainability.

**Union County Court Appointed Special Advocates**

PO Box 3052  
La Grande, OR 97850 (541) 963-2993

Their mission is to make a difference in the lives of abused and neglected children from Union County through volunteer advocacy. They recruit, train, and mentor volunteers to be the “child’s voice” in the courtroom.

**Union County Search and Rescue**

1109 K Avenue  
La Grande, OR 97850 (541)963-1017

These volunteers assist citizens reported missing within Union County. Available 24 hours a day, they are equipped for rescues in all types of terrain and weather. They provide outdoor safety education in a variety of settings.

**Union/Cove Food Bank**

667 N. Main  
Union, OR 97883  
(541) 562-5848

Union/Cove Food Bank is operated all by volunteers and supply food boxes to eligible families and seniors living in the Union/Cove area of Union County.

**Board of Directors**

The affairs of United Way of Eastern Oregon are under the control of the volunteer Board of Directors, consisting of up to thirty persons. An effort is

made to maintain membership on the Board of Directors that is representative of the population of the Counties.

<i>Term</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Office Held</i>
<i>2009</i>		
	Janie Baker	2nd Vice President Union
	Patty Brady	
	Susan M. Briggs	
	Cindy Endicott	
	Larry Glaze	
	Hal Huntington	2nd Vice President Baker
	Lowell Knopp	1st Vice President Union
	Jeremy Morris	
	Kurt Wiedenmann	President
<i>2010</i>		
	Merle Comfort	
	Debbie Cornford	
	John Howard	
	Linda Jerofke	
	Ted Kramer	
	Judy Loudermilk	
	Julie Paxton	1st Vice President Baker
	Boyd Rasmussen	
<i>2011</i>		
	Shelley Burgess	
	Michelle Dollar	
	Karyl Kramer	
	Jerry Nickell	
	Jeff Puckett	Treasurer
	Mike Rudi	
	Don Ulrey	
	Diane Warnock	
<i>Personnel</i>		
	Dawn Roe	Executive Director

## **Board of Director Meetings**

Board of Director meetings are held quarterly with the annual meeting held each February. Board of Director meetings for 2008 were:

- February 19, 2008, 12:00pm, The Golden Harvest Restaurant
- May 21, 2008, 12:00pm, The Golden Harvest Restaurant
- August 21, 2008, 12:00pm, The El Erradero Restaurant
- December 18, 2008, 12:00pm, The Boulder Creek Cafe

