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Programs that Make a Difference

2011-2012 Campaign

Health: Improving Community Health and Family Safety

Boy Scouts (209)545-6320: Outreach and anti-gang program for Hispanic youth and families using soccer and traditional scouting programs.

Center of Vision Enhancement / C.O.V.E. (209)722-8118: Teach skills necessary to overcome the handicap of impaired vision.

Cerebral Palsy Association (209)381-6744: Provide emergency support to families; specialized equipment and access to training; activities for therapeutic, educational and physical education programs.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing (209)726-7783: Improve access to safety and health service for the deaf and hard of hearing.

Hinds Hospice (209)383-3123: Provides for the physical, psychological, social and spiritual needs of the terminally ill and their families.

Merced Area Crime Stopper (209)509-5479: Agency that allows persons to remain anonymous when reporting suspects wanted in crimes.

***BHC: Building Healthy Communities Southwest and East Merced Group**

***CCROPP: Central CA Regional Obesity Prevention Program**

***Circles: Foundation for Improved Living (FIL-Merced)**

***COM-VIP: Community Violence, Intervention Prevention Program**

Education: Helping Children and Youth Achieve Their Potential

Atwater Police Activities League (PAL) (209)357-6297: Castle Boxing Club will be reducing juvenile crime and gang involvement through teaching boxing and the values of discipline, mental focus and emotional management.

Boys & Girls Club (209)722-9922: "Give Every Child a Chance" provides one-on-one mentoring and includes a summer academic program with credentialed teachers; allows their students, and their parents, the opportunity to become successful in setting, pursuing and reaching their academic goals.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) (209)722-2272: CASA recruits, screens, trains and supervises volunteers who advocate for and mentor foster children one-on-one, helping to find safe and permanent homes for them and addressing their educational, healthcare and other urgent needs.

Castle Challenger Learning Center (209)726-0296: Provides two, one week long summer space and science camps for foster children in Merced County.

LifeLine Community Development Corporation (CDC) (209)201-2905: Through "Youth Leadership Corps", youth are involved in graffiti abatement, community beautification and other events. There is training to complete their GED's, learn computer skills, take on-line classes and gain self esteem.

Merced Symphony Association (209)383-3277: Provide school children with live classical concerts targeted at their level with advance information and follow-up discussions.

Planned Parenthood Mar Monte (209)724-7220: The Merced County Male Involvement Project (MIP) program works with young men ages 13-19, educating them about male responsibility, birth control, disease protection, abstinence and planning for a successful future.

Sacred Rok (209)379-9234: Provide disadvantaged teens a trip to Yosemite to learn to respect nature and through that to respect themselves.

UC Merced Police Department Mentor Program (209)228-8273: By becoming part of the social network of adults and community members who care about the youth, the mentor can help youth develop and reach positive academic, career and personal goals.

***B.E.A.M: Business/Education Alliance-Merced County**

***Camp Green Meadows: Merced County Office of Education**

***Character Counts: Merced Union High School District**

Income: Meeting Basic Needs and Establishing Financial Stability

Catholic Charities (209)383-2494: Feed, clothe and shelter the economically disadvantaged; provide pathways to self-sufficiency.

Dos Palos Youth Crisis & Outreach (559)790-1499: Provides emergency food and meals to those in need.

Merced County Food Bank (209)726-3663: Food source for local emergency food pantries.

Valley Crisis Center (209)725-7900: "Westside on the Road to Safety" provides transportation resources to families from the west side of Merced County in need of domestic violence and sexual assault services.

***Initiatives/Projects**

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"When we reach out a hand to one, we influence the condition of all.

That's what it means to **LIVE UNITED**"