

**Who the United Way has helped**

United Way of Coastal Georgia assisted 43,679 people over the past year through one of the nonprofit agencies it supported.

- 11,956 received physical and mental health services, information and medicine through the Coastal Area Support Team, Coastal Medical Access Project and Mental Health Association.
- 6,430 senior citizens and individuals and families with special needs received medical care, transportation, a nutritious meal and family support services through Alzheimer's of Glynn, Meals on Wheels, Non-emergency Medical Transportation, Speech, Hearing and Rehabilitation Enterprises, and Special Olympics.
- 6,374 were helped

through funding given to the STAR Foundation, Coastal Coalition for Children, and the Latin American Resource Center.

- 6,545 were served by Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Club, YWCA, FERST Foundation and Communities in Schools.
- 12,374 children, families and adults received emergency food, shelter and other support through the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Glynn Community Crisis Center, Manna House, American's Second Harvest and Coastal Georgia Community Action Authority.

— Information and figures provided by United Way of Coastal Georgia

# United Way: Support appreciated

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a lot of it. The campaign goal of United Way this year is \$1.5 million. It's high, but not impossible judging from past accomplishments. Last year, the organization raised \$1.3 million.

Defining services and aid rendered by agencies orbiting United Way in terms of numbers of people could grease fundraising efforts.

"The people who give the money want to see their money at work," Donohue said. "We are in a results oriented society — one that says, 'Tell me what you've done and what is the results of that.'"

"If you're a business, you see employees every day who are benefiting. If you're an educator, you see students who are benefiting."

Donohue said nonprofit programs receiving United Way support like the Coastal Medical Access Project do well enough on their own when soliciting financial backing from the community. United Way funds — just \$40,000 last year — enable it to reach even more people or provide more services.

The Coastal Medical Access Project, or CMAP as most people know it by, provides health care and medicine to uninsured and the underinsured.

The number of people who knock on the door of CMAP and other nonprofit health-related agencies like the Coastal Area Support Team and Mental Health Association awes Donohue. They furnished assistance to close to 12,000 people just this past year, according to figures provided by United Way.

"Most contributors don't realize that their impact is so huge," Donohue said. "It's all across the working class, those who cannot afford services, and senior citizens."

There's another way to look at donating to United Way. Think of it as banking against misfortune.

"Every once and while we wake up with a surprise in our life, and you never know, one day it might be you," Donohue said.

That happens more frequently than some might think. Residents burned out of their homes, for example, who have no place to go often rely on the American Red Cross for a temporary place to stay and for meals.

The same for Amity House — a shelter for battered wives and children that received \$56,000 from United Way in the last round of funding. No one plans to go there. They just do out of need.

Brian Dolan, director of the Boys and Girls Club of Southeast Georgia, is especially thankful for United Way's contribution. His program is currently providing after-school

supervision, homework help and fun activities like arts, crafts and indoor and outdoor games to some 800 youngsters Monday through Friday every day of the school year.

That adds up to quite a sum of money, especially when including the all-day summer programs the club offers to preteens and teens when school is out for the year.

Dolan said the \$135,000 it United Way presented it this past year reflected just 7 percent of the organization's budget. A small amount compared to the club's annual budget, but a check that was greatly appreciated.

The funding is used to defray the cost of salaries of employees and the upkeep of facilities.

"It would be very difficult to make up the money we get from United Way," Dolan said.

The Boys and Girls Club sponsors a unit on St. Simons Island and three on the mainland: one at McIntyre Court, one near Brunswick High School and a new one just opened at Sterling Elementary School.

Dolan says the club is the only place some youth have to go because of the high cost of day-care.

"A lot of our parents are working and a need a safe place for kids to go after school," he said.

"The alternative is that the kids are out on their own and not being supervised. That's the largest opportunity of time for kids to get themselves into trouble, from 2 to 6 o'clock."

The Salvation Army is another people-assistance organization that wonders what it would do without the extra cash from United Way. Last year, it was the recipient of \$30,000.

Salvation Army Capt. Tricia Tolan said the contribution pays bills and purchases food to give to those in need.

In addition to being there for locals who need a temporary shoulder to lean on, including those who for some reason or other suddenly find themselves homeless, the Salvation Army assists people passing through.

"The United Way money is very, very important to the organization," she said.

# Stewbilee: Perfect day forecast

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particular," Leavy said. "The Neville Brothers are a great act with great musical talent. For us to have them come to Brunswick is a big deal."

Organizers are expecting a large crowd, and they'll get it if last year's turnout is any indication. In 2006, more than 4,500 people showed up to participate or watch events or to sample Brunswick stew. Some 300 ran the 5K course alone and more than 200 dog owners and their pooches donned their best in the parade.

"I think it's a cool event because it really brings everyone in the community together," Leavy said. "For everyone who's ever said that there's nothing to do in Brunswick, well, this is kind of their opportunity to put their money where

**Stewbilee schedule**

- 5K race kicks off at 9 a.m. Registration at Gloucester Street side of Mary Ross Park.
- March of Dimes walk begins at 9:15 a.m. Registration at Gloucester Street side of Mary Ross Park.
- Pooch Parade starts at 9:45 a.m. in grassy area across from Christie's Restaurant (Newcastle and between F & G Streets).
- Jr. Stewbie Central for children will be open from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Race and Parade awards ceremony will be held at 10:30 a.m.
- Brunswick Stew Tasting Contest will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., as will the Antique Car Show.
- Gates open for Neville Brothers Concert at 6 p.m.
- Neville Brothers take the stage at 7 p.m.

their mouth is." Proceeds from the tasting and other events will go directly to non-profit organizations, including the Boys & Girls Club of the

Golden Isles and the Humane Society. "The more people that come out, the more money that will be going to charity," Leavy said.

# Dale: Attorney argues for March trial

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Peggy, and their son, George, are charged with killing the C.B. Greer Elementary kindergartner on or about March 8.

The trio also faces other charges, including aggravated child molestation. The district attorney's office is seeking the death penalty against all three.

Dale and the Edenfields have remained at the Glynn County Detention Center since their

arrests in March.

Wetzler, who filed a motion for a speedy trial in July, has claimed all along that his client was just in the wrong place at the wrong time. He said Dale, a friend of the Edenfields, was invited to the family's residence at 121 Horseshoe Lane the night of March 8, the same night the Barrios boy was killed, to help them install a new video game system.

Dale appeared in Glynn County Superior Court Thursday with his attorney in front of Brunswick Judicial Circuit Judge Stephen G. Scarlett. His case was continued until the next calendar call, Wetzler said.

Wetzler said there is forensic evidence tied to the Edenfields which has not yet come back to Glynn County from the state crime lab.

"There's nothing in that evidence that affects Donald Dale," Wetzler said.

Police allege Dale was at the Edenfield residence during the time the crimes were being committed and afterward helped the Edenfield family members move the body to a deserted area near the Brunswick Golden Isles Airport.

Christopher's body was found in a plastic garbage bag March 15 after an intensive week-long search by police and citizens.

"And that's what it's all about." The National Weather Service is calling for mostly sunny skies and a high around 79 degrees during the day and mostly clear tonight with a temperature around 60 degrees.

"We've really lucked out this year in terms of weather," Leavy said. "It's going to be phenomenal."

The festival is made possible through the support of the community and the event's sponsors.

This year's primary sponsors, in addition to The Brunswick News, include GP Cellulose, The Brunswick Kiwanis Club, Comcast, Southeast Georgia Health System, Quantum Communications and the Brunswick-Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce.

• Go online Sunday at [www.thebrunswicknews.com](http://www.thebrunswicknews.com) to see photos from Stewbilee.



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