



Food & Beverage Sampling + Live Music!

Friday, March 10th

Arrowwood Tennis Center

5 - 8pm

Tons of NEW additions to the event. Early bird tickets available now for \$40.

Bring a group and reserve a table!

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Holiday Gift Program

Thank you for your support again this year of the Holiday Gift Program. Together we were able to support 335 local families. Here are two short thank you messages we received:

"Brought a smile to my children's faces and allowed me to still pay our bills."

"The United Way Holiday Gift Program impacted both myself and my kids so much. Being in school has put a financial burden on my family and was making me very stressed/anxious about the holidays. [The Holiday Gift Program] relieved the stress/anxiety. Which allowed me to be happy and present for my children. Thank you all so much!"

Photo: Lynn Ransom & Harley Vestrum help distribute gifts at this year's Holiday Gift Program.



Seeking Grant Applications

Do you do GREAT work in the areas of Health, Education or Financial Stability?

We grant dollars to support 501(c)3 nonprofits or government organizations whose programs align with our priority funding areas of Health, Education, and Financial Stability. Those who apply for funding for programs must meet grant requirements and align with the United Way Goals and Focus Areas.

[Learn more about United Way Grants](#)

Photo: Community Panel Members listen to Grant Presentations in the spring 2022.

Food Drop Update - Pilot Program

In order to better serve our community, United Way's Food Drop will be rotating counties by month. Each month there will be one Food Drop all residents are welcome to attend either in Douglas or Pope County.

- Pope County | February 14th @ Glenwood United Parish
- Douglas County | March 30th @ New Life Christian Church
- Pope County | April 11th @ Glenwood United Parish
- Douglas County | May 25th @ New Life Christian Church

[Click here to view upcoming dates](#)



Students United

We launched a Student United Way! They are part of the Student Leadership Council at Alexandria Area High School. They are passionate about service and are already getting engaged in advocacy and community projects.



In December Students United shopped for our Holiday Gift Program utilizing donations made to the program. In February they plan to visit elementary schools to connect and read to younger students!

Watch for more good coming from this great group!

Check out [Volunteer Opportunities from United Way and local nonprofits: GetConnected](#)

GetConnected is our website that hosts Douglas and Pope County volunteer opportunities from United Way and other local non-profits. You can create a profile, choose your favorite organizations and receive email updates when new opportunities are available.

Try a [Speed Volunteering Project: Projects](#)

These projects can be easily coordinated and completed with friends, families, youth groups or coworkers. Simply choose a project and follow the worksheet. When you have completed your project connect with United Way to arrange a drop off. United Way will then connect these resources with people who need them in Douglas and Pope Counties.



Photos and updates on [Facebook](#) and Instagram!
@unitedwaydouglaspope

2-1-1 Hope Starts Here

If you or someone you know is looking for assistance call 2-1-1 to access free and confidential referrals for services and programs in your community such as:

- Food and housing support
- Mental health and substance abuse resources
- Legal assistance
- Medical and dental clinics
- Employment services
- Veteran services
- Household items
- Childcare and family services
- & MORE!





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