

Peachland-Polkton Elementary School PTO Fundraiser

Peachland-Polkton Elementary School has announced the beginning of their 2013-14 Donation PTO Fundraiser. This fundraiser is donation only, and that allows 100% of the money to remain at PPES for their students and staff. The PPES Partners Board in the main hallway of the school will continue, recognizing individuals, businesses and organizations that have graciously donated.

Any donation is greatly appreciated, and here are the categories to get your name on the PPES Partners Board:

- PPES Partner - individual donation of \$100 or more & business or organization donation of \$300 or more
 - PPES Gold Partner - individual, business or organization donation of \$500 or more
- Last year PPES completed their purchase of "Smartboards" for every homeroom. Smartboards allow for better classroom instruction to meet the needs of all students. This year the school hopes to upgrade their technology department with new laptops, while they continue to maintain the Smartboards.
- PPES thanks you in advance for any support you can offer for their students, staff and school.

43 Community Service Projects Completed During Day of Caring

While many people were just waking up on Saturday morning, nearly 200 volunteers were hard at work completing projects across Anson County during United Way Day of Caring. The teams from a combination of businesses, organizations and churches were spread across Anson County cutting grass, weeding flowerbeds, pruning shrubs, washing windows, removing limbs, and cleaning gutters at homes of the elderly and disabled. These hardworking volunteers completed 43 community service projects across the county.

The day began with a Day of Caring Kickoff at Wadesboro Town Square at 7:30 am. Ashley Rivers, Day of Caring Chair, thanked volunteers for being so enthusiastic about taking on numerous projects. "It is great to see each of you here so early this morning," Rivers said. "Thank you for your time, talents and commitment. Without all of you this day would not be possible!"

Dr. Hunter of First Baptist Church started the ceremony with an invocation, followed by Pledge of Allegiance led by a local Boy Scouts troop.

A big thank you to Wadesboro IGA, Burger King and Pee Dee Electric for providing breakfast for volunteers; HOLLA! for making the United Way at Work signs; H.W. Little & Co. for providing supplies for the signs; Allen Lyon for letting us use the Uptown Square; Premiere Fibers for providing the American Flag; Wadesboro Fire Department for truck and ladder to display the flag; Town of Wadesboro for providing trash bins for the ceremony; and the Ansonville Girl Scout Troop and 4H Eager Beavers for helping hand out breakfast during the ceremony and tidying up the Square following the ceremony.

Rivers continued by thanking her committee members for helping making the day so special. "I would like to thank Anne Flynn, Rita Short, Kelly Gaddy, Margot Barnes, Carrie Bunn, Lisa Smothers, Lindsay Wallace, Caroline Goins, Kim Wilson and Lauren Johnson for helping plan this event. A special thanks to Cindy Taylor-Kupfer for working countless hours on pairing the teams with projects," Rivers said.

After the kickoff, teams got to work at their predetermined project sites. This year there were 20 teams: Anson Bank & Trust, Anson Community Hospital, Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition, Anson County Partnership for Children, Backwoods Hog Hunters, Anson New Tech High School, Boy Scouts Troop 589, Boy Scouts Troop 170, CMH Space Flooring, Fairview Church of God Youth, First Baptist Church Youth, Girl Scouts of Ansonville Troop 3525, 4H

Eager Beavers, Hornwood, Peaches 'N Cream, Plank Road Forestry, Pleasant Grove Baptist Youth, Rotary Interact, SPCC, and SPCC Cares.

United Way partnered with First Baptist Church to combine Day of Caring and the church's mission day. In addition to the church's youth group having a team and helping with Day of Caring, the church also provided lunch at the end of the day for all the Day of Caring volunteers.

The Day of Caring is the official kick-off for the United Way of Central Carolina's annual campaign in Anson County. Here in Anson County our local United Way funds 12 programs through ten local agencies: Feed My Lambs, Helping Our Loved ones Learn and Achieve (HOLLA!), American Red Cross, Hornets' Nest Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts of America, Anson County Partnership for Children, Anson Community Hospital diabetes education, Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition, and Anson County 4H Youth Promise.

"Without your support of the United Way campaign, that would not be possible. Please remember that 100% of the dollars raised in Anson County stays here supporting the work of our 10 local agencies. Last year we raised more than \$87,000 and our volunteers invested \$87,400 back into our local agencies," Dr. Stan Sidor, 2013 United Way Campaign Chair, explained.

"On behalf of the United Way I would like to thank you for your efforts in helping to make Anson County a better place to live and work. Without your continuous financial support and volunteer efforts the work that is done through United Way here in Anson County would not be possible," Lula Jackson, Chair of the United Way Board of Directors, said.

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