

ADVANCING EDUCATION  
INCOME AND HEALTH

LIVE UNITED

**ADVANCING  
THE COMMON GOOD**  
2016 ANNUAL REPORT

**GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.**

United Way of Lowndes County

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# LIVE UNITED

# THANK YOU!



In 2015, United Way of Lowndes County invested **\$515,115<sup>1</sup>** plus tens of thousands of volunteer and staff hours to advance our mission of improving lives and meeting community needs. We funded existing agency programs as well as new agency programs, supported non-profit capacity building, and served as a resource to individuals and organizations throughout our community.

Looking back, from 2012 to 2015, United Way increased giving by 18%, decreased expenses by 20% and increased funds given to nonprofits by 13%. We have streamlined processes, expanded awareness of United Way and our mission, and increased community involvement by our staff.

During the year, the UW hosted many events and programs, including 5K the United Way, the 9-11 Day of Service, the Emergency Expo, and Adopt a Family. We have worked with the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) on the “Stamp out Hunger” food drive, with Columbus Air Force Base on the “Feds feed Families” food drive, with Weyerhaeuser on the annual diaper drive, and with Fitness Factor on the annual blanket drive.

Your gifts of time, goods and money are the lifeblood of our organization, and I share a heartfelt thank you to all who have helped. For 2016, our pledge total is \$675,050, which includes local donations and pledges, grants, and support from the Lowndes County Board of Supervisors.

To learn more about the United Way of Lowndes County, and our upcoming programs and events, please refer to our website: [www.uwlc-ms.org](http://www.uwlc-ms.org) or follow us on Facebook.

*Patricia Brock*  
—Patricia Brock,  
Executive Director

<sup>1</sup>Allocations, Venture Grants, Emergency Funds, and Emergency Food and Shelter Program

# LEADERSHIP



## UWLC BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2015 - 2016

### Executive Committee

President: **Todd Davis**,  
*Electric Motor Sales and Service*

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### Staff

**Patricia Brock**, *Executive Director*

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**E.J. Griffis**, *CAFB*

**Andrew Haftek**, *Cadence Bank*

**Reggie Hankins**, *Renasant Bank*

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**Peter Imes**, *The Commercial Dispatch*

**Bruce Johnson**, *CPI Group*

**Frances Jutman\***, *Cadence Bank, Retired*

**Dr. Stan McCrary**, *Retired USN*

**Stuart Phillips**, *Phillips Contracting Company*

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**Dr. Stan McCrary**, *Retired USN*

**Doug Robertson**, *Cadence Bank*

# BENEFITTING



**2015 CAMPAIGN TOTAL: \$679,178**

2015 was a great year for United Way of Lowndes County. We raised over \$600,000 and provided funding for nonprofits in the community to meet their mission of improving lives and meeting community needs. From food banks at Helping Hands and Salvation Army to educational programs at The Father's Child Ministry, Boys & Girls Clubs, the YMCA, and Greater Columbus Learning Center; from assisting the elderly and shut in at Contact Helpline and Dial-A-Bus to empowering young people at Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and 4H – all these agencies and more provide the necessary support to those in need so that we can all benefit from a better quality of life and a stronger community.

## FUNDED PARTNERS

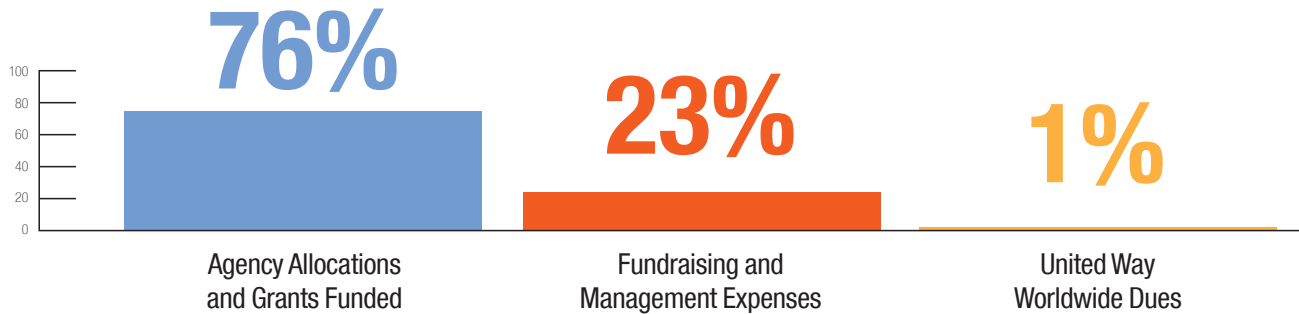
American Red Cross of NEMS  
Boy Scouts - Pushmataha  
Area Council  
Boys and Girls Club  
CAFB Youth Center  
Columbus Arts Council  
Contact Helpline  
Frank Phillips Memorial YMCA  
Girl Scouts Heart of the South

Greater Columbus Learning  
Center  
Habitat for Humanity  
Helping Hands  
Last House on the Block  
Lowndes County 4-H Club  
Lowndes County Council on  
Aging: Dial-A-Bus & Home  
Delivered Meals

Recovery House  
S.I.L.O.  
Safe Haven  
Sally Kate Winters Family  
Services  
The Father's Child Ministry  
The Salvation Army

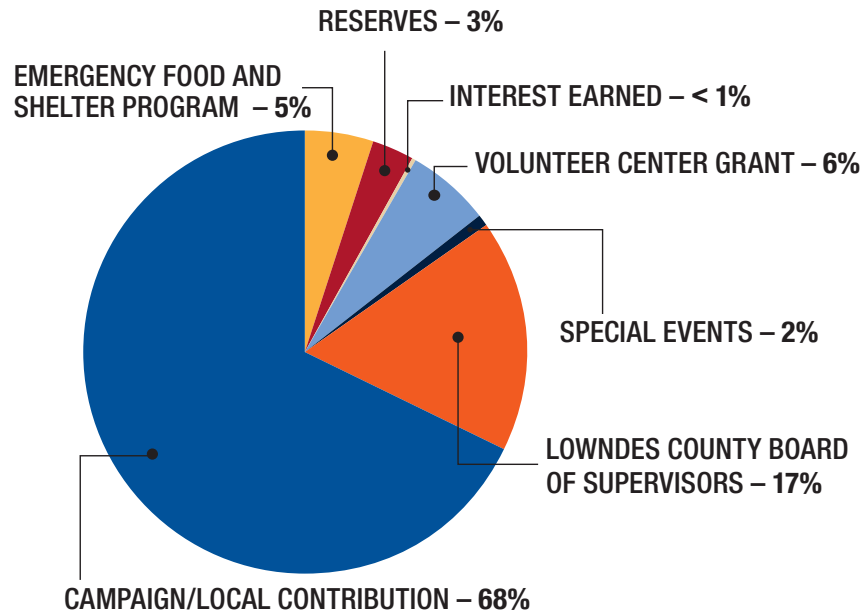
## ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES\*

Graph displays percentage of every dollar donated.



*\*Data shown from UWLC's December report given to the Board*

## GIVING BY SECTOR



**50,000**

TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS  
VALUED AT

**\$1M**

# LOCAL GIVING



United Way of Lowndes County is proud to partner with many local employers who run workplace giving campaigns, affording their employees the opportunity to have their donations deducted from their paycheck. The contributions for the 2016 campaign came from payroll deductions, corporate gifts, individual donations, and fundraiser events. Our most popular event is Little Hands – Big Trucks which is sponsored by Scott Ferguson and his team at Financial Concepts. We are grateful for all our donors – from the very least to the very most – every donation, no matter the size, makes a difference for our community.

## THE RIVERINE SOCIETY

Boyce Adams Sr  
Marilyn Agnew  
Larry Armstrong  
Antonio Arrington  
Miguel Arzamendi  
Pamela Barr-Lenoir  
John & Kathi Bean  
Joseph & Carol Boggess  
Jim Borsig  
John & Kathy Bowen  
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Dorothy Burdeshaw  
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Joe Cade  
Sharon Carmichael  
Upea Carter  
Brian Clark  
Walter Contrereas  
Thomas Cooper  
Wil Cooper  
John Crowell  
John Davis  
EMSS/ Todd & Angela Davis

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Dr. & Mrs. William Ford  
Mildred Ford  
Lori Frady  
Jimmy Galloway  
Trudy Gildea  
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Patrick Ishamel  
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Dean Jahns

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Robert Latham  
Brenda Lathan  
Alexander Lemmers  
Benjamin Machen  
Jim & Lisa McAlexander  
Betsy McBride  
Vipulkumar Meghat  
Shellie Perrigin  
Charlie & Cathy Pilkinton  
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Collen Reyes  
Rodney Ringo  
Doug Robertson  
Craig Shannon  
Dr. & Mrs. Tom Sheffield  
Mary Jane Smith  
Gregg Smith

Steve Smith  
Shannon Stafford  
Ron Stevens  
Betty Stone  
Walter Thatcher  
The James & Kate Egger Family  
Randy Thrash  
IMPRESSION SOLUTIONS /  
Alicia Truesdale  
Nathan Turner  
Ben Upton  
Mark A Vickers  
William Walters  
W.V. & Ann West  
Don West  
Steve & Joy West  
Alan T Williams  
William Mark Woods  
Vivian L. Yeatman  
Greg & Alison Youngblood



## COMPANIES & CAMPAIGNS

PACCAR Foundation	\$100,000	City of Columbus	\$2,636
Columbus Municipal School District	\$50,682	Regions Bank	\$2,545
Anonymous Donor	\$50,000	Brunini Law Firm	\$2,500
Weyerhaeuser CCF	\$33,596	Valmet Corporate	\$2,500
PACCAR	\$21,236	Golden Triangle Mill Service	\$2,448
Microtek / Ecolab Corporate	\$15,000	Galloway-Chandler-McKinney Insurance	\$2,103
4-County Electric Power Association	\$12,558	Wal-Mart	\$2,000
Belk	\$12,386	Lowndes County	\$1,524
Cadence Bank	\$10,590	Crowell, Gillis & Cooper	\$1,500
Weyerhaeuser CMF	\$10,075	Regions Corporate	\$1,500
Trustmark Corporate	\$9,800	Newell Paper Foundation	\$1,300
Herman/Hazel Owen Foundation	\$7,500	East Mississippi Community College	\$1,270
Weitzenhoffer/Seminole Foundation	\$7,500	Bancorp South	\$1,166
T.E. Lott	\$6,847	AT&T	\$1,000
Baldor Electric	\$6,500	Mississippi Methodist Senior Services	\$1,000
Airbus Corporate	\$6,223	Zachary's	\$1,000
Tronox	\$6,000	United Way of Lowndes County	\$985
Airbus	\$5,601	ATMOS Energy	\$847
Janesville Acoustics	\$5,562	J.C. Penney	\$500
Mississippi University for Women	\$5,034	Nammo Talley Inc	\$390
Belk Corporate	\$5,000	The Salvation Army	\$390
Tennessee Valley Authority	\$5,000	O'Reilly Auto Parts	\$364
Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund	\$5,000	Century 21 Doris Hardy & Assoc LLC	\$350
Bankfirst Financial Services	\$4,973	Lowndes County 4H	\$330
Trustmark Bank	\$4,804	Lowndes County Department of Human Services	\$312
CECO Building Systems	\$4,351	Boy Scouts	\$250
Renasant Bank	\$3,569	Contact Helpline	\$240
Lowndes County Schools	\$3,384	Helping Hands	\$50
Baptist Memorial Hospital-Golden Triangle	\$3,000	State Farm	\$50
North Mississippi Medical Center	\$3,000	Allstate	\$40
Valmet	\$2,800	Columbus Air Force Base Youth Center	\$30
BankTel	\$2,720	BB&T Bank	\$15

## GIFTS IN KIND

Aimee Shaw's Digital Creations	GiveGab	Starbucks
Baptist Memorial Hospital	Hyatt Place Hotel	The Commercial Dispatch
Best Western Executive Suites	Jack's	The Floor Gallery
Boys & Girls Club	Kroger	WCBI
Constant Contact	Krispy Kreme	

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