



Annual Recognition Celebration



Annual Meeting held on 1/26/10 was an opportunity to highlight the businesses and volunteers that make United Way possible. The Top 10 donating companies were as follows: Axsys Technologies, Inc., Cullman City Schools, Cullman County Schools, Cullman Regional Medical Center, Lufkin Industries, McGriff Industries, Rusken Packaging, Topre America, Wallace State Community College & Walmart Distribution Center. *Thanks to Cash Acme for sponsoring this event!!!*

Front Row: Cameron Bradford, Volunteer of the Year; Brenda Howell and Dr. Jan Harris representing Cullman City Schools; Renetta Price with Cullman Regional Medical Center. Second Row: Koichi Kitagawa, Hiroshi Chiba and Sylvia Stella with Topre, Most Spirit Award; Mary Leone and Brenda Thomas Directors of Daystar House, Agency of the Year; Leanne Douthit, Loaned Executive of the Year. Third Row: Dr. Greg Meiman, Board Member of the Year; Mike Whitten with Lufkin Industries. Not pictured: Rusken Packaging - Star Award Winner, Cummings Sporting Goods - Small Business of the Year.

GIVE.ADVOCATE.VOLUNTEER

Susan Copeland is the new incoming Board Chair. Thanks for your willingness to serve!



Marsha Folsom, guest speaker at the annual meeting, focused on volunteering and the importance of giving of one's time and energy. She stated that it was generally easy to make a donation, but it required more of an individual to actually give of themselves and get involved. She emphasized the great role that United Way plays across America and right here in her home town.



The devastating earthquakes that have hit Haiti over the last few weeks have prompted much aid and assistance from around the world. United Way Worldwide has created the United Way Worldwide Disaster Fund, introduced a text-to-give program, and is coordinating the integration of efforts from United Ways around the world according to



Michelle Zelsman, Director of Global Communications. Financial Donations can be made at: [www/unitedway.org/Haiti](http://www.unitedway.org/Haiti) or Text-To-Give: \$5.00 donations can be made by texting HAITI to 864833 (“United”). Standard text messaging rates apply.

Closer to home, the bad economy has created many difficult situations for residents right here in Cullman County. Many more people have requested assistance with basic needs like food, rent and utilities. The food bank has seen an ever increasing number of families requiring food. If you ever felt the need to make a donation to United Way of Cullman County, now would be a perfect time. One can stop by the office located in the old train depot (304 1st Avenue) or mail any size monetary donation. No amount is too big or too small. We have people right here in Cullman that could really use your help.

Receive a T-Shirt with every donation!!!!

7th Annual
EMPTY BOWLS
 of cullman county
Chili Dinner

February 15th 2010
 4:30-7:00pm
 First United Methodist Church
 Hearin Hall

Enjoy Bobby Nolen's Famous chili and a grilled cheese sandwich and receive a complimentary handcrafted ceramic bowl.

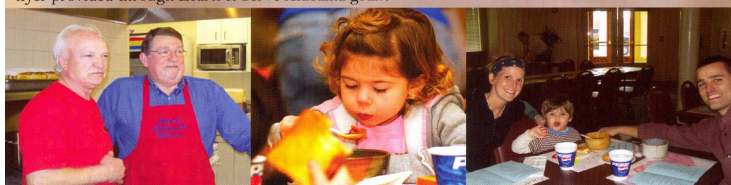
Southern Gospel Music
 Live Auction

TICKETS \$10
 Tickets on sale NOW
 Cullman Caring For Kids
 First United Methodist Church
 St. Johns Evangelical Church

Proceeds benefit:
 Cullman Caring For Kids
 Food Bank

flyer provided through Learn & Serve Alabama grant

Enjoy some great chili, good fellowship and local entertainment on Monday, February 15th from 4:30-7pm at First United Methodist, Hearin Hall. *AND* contribute to a good cause - Cullman Caring for Kids Food Bank. You also get to take home a handcrafted ceramic bowl. What a deal for just \$10.00 a person. The 7th annual Empty Bowls of Cullman County will also feature a Live Auction.



Girl Scouts Troop 1150 presented the flag and led the pledge of allegiance during the Annual Meeting.

