Greater Valdosta United Way



MARCH 2024

Uniting For More Campaign Exceeds Goal



We have reached 103% of our goal!

Thanks to the support of our donors this year, our campaign will make a huge impact in our community!

Save the Date for the Spring Day of Caring

The Spring Day of Caring will take place on Friday, May 17! Registration to volunteer begins today!

For more information, or to get involved, contact Logan Cole at lcole@gvuw.org



Impact Partner Collaborative Meeting



Friday morning, we hosted our quarterly Impact Partner Collaborative Meeting in the Jenkins Community Center, located behind our office. Thank you to the nonprofit directors and staff who showed up to hear about the exciting changes this year and to share upcoming events with one another!

In the News This Month

Michael Smith Gives an Update on the Greater Valdosta United Way Campaign Watch Video Here



February Highlights

Lucky Goat Coffee



Look how LUCKY we are?! Thank you to Lucky Goat Coffee for supporting GVUW by using coffee sleeves that bring awareness to our mission of improving people's lives by mobilizing the caring power of the community!

Inaugural Community-Minded Mental Health Summit

On February 20, Resilient and United Communities of South Georgia (RUCSG) had the pleasure of hosting the Inaugural Community-Minded Mental Health Summit in partnership with Legacy Behavioral Health Services, GVUW, and Lowndes County Mental Health Coalition.

The event began with a presentation by Dr. Nitin Patel (LBHS) about mental health challenges in children and youth, followed by breakout sessions focusing on the Community Resiliency Model, veteran and military culture, and the Legacy Corresponder program. We enjoyed a panel discussion with peer support specialists

from Legacy Behavioral Health Services during lunch and wrapped up the day with a presentation on youth bullying from Dr. AJ. Ramirez (VSU), a Girls on the Run exercise, and a very informative presentation on mental health within the Hispanic Community from Dr. Felix Valdez (Migrant Farmworkers Clinic).

With nearly 90 people in attendance, the Community Minded Mental Health Summit brought together professionals and community members with service areas covering over 30 counties in South Georgia.

We are incredibly appreciative of everyone who came, the insightful speakers, our funders, partners, peers, and all the people who worked behind the scenes to make this event a success. We are looking forward to next year's event.





Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber Annual Awards Banquet

On February 15, we attended the Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber Annual Awards Banquet, where we celebrated our Impact Partners being the top finalists in two different categories!

The three finalists for the Non-Profit of the Year award were all partners with GVUW! Congratulations to LAMP, Boys & Girls Club, and The Haven for their nominations! The honor was awarded to LAMP! We are proud to partner with such a hard-working organization that aims to make sure that all individuals have safe and stable housing.

Young Professional of the Year was awarded to Chanel Randolph, founder and CEO of Beautiful Creations by Chanel. Beautiful Creations has been a GVUW partner for a year now, and we are so proud of the impact Chanel and her team have had on the community!





Non-Profit of the Year: LAMP

Young Professional of the Year: Chanel Randolph

Save the Date

Red Cross Sickle Cell Blood Drive March 30 More information HERE

Jacobs' Ladder Horse Show April 13 | 9:00AM

> Spring Day of Caring May 17, 2024

GOTR Spring 5K April 27 Sign Up HERE

Jacobs' Ladder Bowling Tournament & Silent Auction June 8 | 10:30AM Jac's Lanes

> LAMP Annual Dodgeball Tournament June 29

Our mission at Greater Valdosta United Way is to make an impact in South Georgia by mobilizing the caring power of the community. We are sincerely grateful to those who donate their time, talents, and treasure to the Greater Valdosta United Way. We look forward to collaborating and connecting with you this year!

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