

# NEWSLETTER

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## GVUW Annual Report is Here!

2023 is a year that our staff and board are proud of, and we hope that this annual report highlights the success of our organization and those of our impact partners.

Click **HERE** to view our 2023 Annual Report!

To pick up a printed copy of the report, contact [staff@gvuw.org](mailto:staff@gvuw.org)



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**Meet the 2024 GVUW Board of Directors!**



GVUW hosted our annual board retreat on Friday, March 22 at Rainwater Conference Center. It was a great day of planning for 2024 and welcoming 9 new board members!

Learn more about our 2024 GUVW Board of Directors [HERE](#)

**PITCH IN. GIVE BACK. JOIN US!**

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Logan Cole at **229.242.2208** or by email at **lcole@gvuw.org**

### 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](mailto:lcole@gvuw.org)

Sign up to volunteer below.

[Volunteer](#)

## In the News This Month

**Michael Smith on the Georgia United Way ALICE Report**

[Watch Video Here](#)

# MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

## United for ALICE

On March 14, our CEO and President, Michael Smith, presented the ALICE report and cost of living data to Georgia's Rural Caucus and key elected leaders, including Governor Kemp.

A new report will be out in May with 2022 data and 50 more key indicators of well-being! Thank you, Representative John Corbett, for allowing **United Ways of Georgia** to speak and provide lunch.

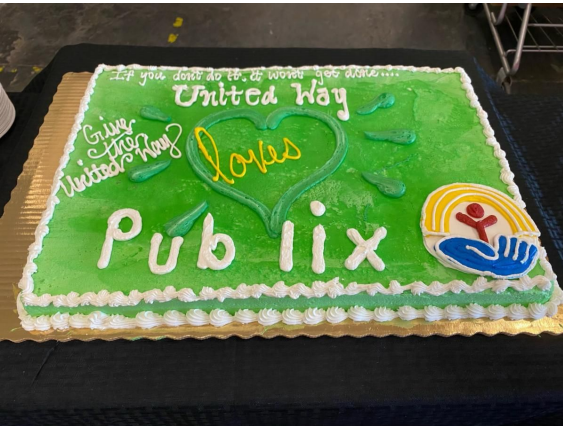
Visit [unitedforalice.org](https://unitedforalice.org) for more information.



## Publix Appreciation Week

March 11-15 was Publix Appreciation Week and we showed our appreciation and gratitude to the Publix associates who have played a big role in uplifting our communities and consistently supporting the mission of United Way.

Publix is United Way's No. 1 Global Corporate Leader, and we extend our appreciation to the associates throughout our South Georgia region for their commitment to improving their communities.



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## GVUW Gives to Second Harvest of South Georgia Campaign

Greater Valdosta United Way donated \$150,000 to Second Harvest's "We Gather" campaign! This contribution will help the organization create a dedicated volunteer activity room in their new headquarters.



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## Children's Advocacy Center - Anchored in Hope

It was such an honor for GVUW staff and board members to attend the annual Anchored in Hope event hosted by the Children's Advocacy Center! Our president and CEO, Michael Smith, welcomed over 400 people to hear Nancy Grace speak on justice and standing up for victims of violence.

We are honored to partner with the Children's Advocacy Center and are proud of the work they do in our community!



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### Board Member Highlight



The GVUW is proud to have two board members who are recent South Georgia LEADS graduates. Congratulations to Amy Martin and Board Chair Dr. Jammie Wilbanks!

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# Save the Date

**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

**U-Nite Dinner**

August 15

**Fall Day of Caring**

October 18

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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