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Day of Caring Set to Benefit Local Organizations

United Way of Door County invites you to join them in another opportunity to LIVE UNITED. Saturday, April 25, 2009, will be its lucky 13th Annual "Day of Caring." The Day of Caring program exists so that Door County residents can donate their time to provide support to non-profit organizations who need a helping hand. By volunteering your time to this meaningful cause, agencies such as the Kimberley House, Sunshine House, and Door County Child Care Center can quickly realize results on long-standing projects.

"In order for the United Way of Door County to have a meaningful impact on our community, we encourage people to GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER. Our Day of Caring is one of the many ways that United Way brings people together to volunteer and make a difference in our community," stated Greg Dantoin, Day of Caring committee member.

In previous years, more than twenty human service organizations have benefited from the efforts of the Day of Caring volunteers. Projects have included such diverse tasks as painting interiors, raking playgrounds, washing buses or a variety of cleaning projects.

"We try to match the interests and skills of our volunteers with the needs of the organizations, so it's a great way for everyone to have fun and gain a real sense of accomplishment," comments Ruthi Henrichs, Administrative Assistant for United Way of Door County. "The volunteers take away a sense of satisfaction for having benefited the community, and community organizations are able to complete important projects, so everyone benefits."

The event starts at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast donated by McDonald's, at Sturgeon Bay High School. At the breakfast site, participants pick-up their complimentary T-shirts, sharing a few moments with fellow volunteers before heading out to the job sites for the day. Pre-registration for breakfast is strongly encouraged. By 9:00 a.m., volunteers will have moved out to their designated site for the day, with the goal of completing their projects between noon and 2:00 p.m.

"This day is so important to us and the families who need our center. It's like a big spring cleaning and everyone works together to get the job done," commented Lacy Soukup, Executive Director of Door County Child Care Center. "Our staff does daily cleanups but their primary responsibility is caring for the children. Most of the staff also volunteers on the Day of Caring because it's important to them to help out."

To volunteer for the Day of Caring or to obtain more information, contact United Way of Door County at (920) 746-9645 or visit www.unitedwaydc.com.