

# United Way Kicks Off Campaign at Annual 'Day of Caring' Event

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Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

CRANFORD—More than 300 volunteers got a closer glimpse of the many social service agencies that are supported through the United Way of Union County during the seventh annual "Day of Caring" September 24.

The event not only raised awareness of the 84 United Way of Union County member agencies that depend on United Way financial support, but also served as a kick off for this year's \$6.44 million fund drive. Donations raised this year will help support various day care centers, health care agencies and counseling centers in the county.

As part of September 24's "Day of Caring," participating United Way volunteers from around the county packed and delivered hot and cold meals to shut-ins at Mobile Meals of Westfield, played cards and participated in arts and crafts with seniors at the Westfield Community Center, cleaned up and did yard work on the grounds of the YMCA of Fanwood-Scotch Plains and enjoyed a pizza party with adults with developmental disabilities at the Cerebral Palsy League in Cranford.

"We have found that 'Day of Caring' becomes a rewarding experience for volunteers and our agencies. Simply put, it's the perfect way to raise awareness and get our campaign off to a strong start," said Larry J. Lockhart, Vice President of this year's United Way Campaign.

"If it is a social service agency, it is likely that the United Way of Union County or another is affiliated with the agency," said Henry Kita, President of the United Way of Union County Board of Directors.

Each year, hundreds of employees from some of Union County's largest employers along with United Way's board members and county government employees volunteer their time at the "Day of Caring Event."

Mr. Kita noted that "volunteers get a firsthand look at how contributions to the United Way help fund much needed services for area residents."

At Mobile Meals, volunteers from Kempler Insurance and Merck & Co., Inc. were busy packaging meals bright and early the morning of September 24 in the basement of the First Baptist of Westfield, located on Elm Street.

Nancy Otchy, President of the Board of Trustees of Mobile Meals, explained that the facility, open weekdays, currently is providing 72 meals daily in Westfield, Clark, Scotch Plains and

Cranford. Meals are delivered at 11 a.m. each day.

In addition, she said 20 meals are provided for an adult day care center in Roselle, which are picked up by the center's staff.

Residents in the Mobile Meals service area simply need to call and ask to be put on the list. Ms. Otchy noted that the facility, which can handle up to 85 meals, has room for another dozen meals on its list.

The Cerebral Palsy League (CPL), with offices in Cranford and Union, last year served more than 180 clients through its many programs. Among its offerings are an early intervention program for infants, an early childhood center and a vocational center for adults and the Jardine Academy, a private school for kids aged 3 to 21 with multiple disabilities, according to Risa Walsh, Assistant Executive Director of the League.

In addition to offering a social and work climate for its clients, CPL also offers both medical and therapeutic services.

"Many of our programs are largely reliable on their (United Way) support," she said.

Marleen Reider of Roselle, who has been coming to the League for over 25 years, is just one of many clients served by the agency that was founded in the county in 1948, 21 years before the United Way of Union County was formed. Miss Reider said she enjoys the vocational work as well as the activities offered at CPL such as arts and crafts.

One of the largest vocational jobs the clients work on are graduate school application bulk mailings for Kean University.

To keep up with the need for social services, the United Way of Union County needs to raise 12 percent more than last year's campaign, according to United Way Campaign Vice Chairman Larry J. Lockhart of Manhardt Sharkey & Gorman, Inc. of Cranford.

Mr. Lockhart noted that, due to the loss of a number of United Way supportive companies in the county, "probably this is one of our most difficult campaigns."

He explained that the United Way agencies need to remain current with technology advancements, which are an added cost that must be raised through donations.

Henry Kita, United Way Board of Directors President, said programs supported through the United Way "touch everyone."

Watching the interaction between the volunteers and CPL clients, Mr. Kita said, "This is really what it is all about. It's great to see the agencies at work."

The county's United Way organization covers most of Union County. In addition, the United Fund of Westfield, the United Way of Eastern Union County; the United Way of Plainfield, New Providence, Fanwood and Scotch Plains and the United Way of Summit, New Providence and Berkeley Heights serve the county.

There are also United Ways in Cranford and Mountainside, according to Gary Mignone, Communications Associate for the United Way of Union County.

In addition, to Merck and Kempler, volunteers from BOC Gases, Dun & Bradstreet as well as board members from the various United Way organizations took part in the September 24 event.

## Westfield Health Department To Offer Free Water Testing

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Regional Health Department has announced it will offer bacteriological water testing for residents within its jurisdiction with private wells as their source of drinking water.

The testing is being offered free of charge to residents with well water to assure that it is bacteriologically safe to drink after the flooding associated with Hurricane Floyd.

As a general rule, residents with well water should boil water used for essential purposes — drinking, cooking, ice and brushing teeth — until the water has been tested, advised Health Officer Robert M. Sherr.

Private wells that were not subjected to flood water, are not located next to an industrial, manufacturing or commercial zoned property, and are not located on properties having a septic system would be considered safe to drink unless any

household member is an infant, elderly or currently immuno-compromised.

Households that do not meet these guidelines should have their water tested prior to discontinuing boiling the water, Mr. Sherr stated.

Generally, well water used for potable purposes should be tested at least annually for bacteria contamination, and at least every five years or more often depending upon nearby industrial development — heavy manufacturing, gasoline stations, etc. — for volatile organics, pesticides and petroleum byproducts, the health officer noted.

For further information, or to arrange for testing, please call the Health Department at (908) 789-4070, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The department serves Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Roselle Park, Springfield and Westfield.

## 'Freeholders Forum' to Feature Discussion on Response to Storm

ELIZABETH — The successful Jersey Jazz by the Lake concert and festival and Union County response to Hurricane Floyd are the subjects of the latest "Freeholders Forum" television show presented by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The program was taped "on-location" at the relocated Jazz festival in Echo Lake Park.

The planned Jersey Jazz site at Nomahegan Park in Cranford was literally swamped by flooding caused by Floyd, county officials noted. With only hours left before the two-day concert was to begin, county officials rallied to relocate the entire event musicians, food stands, games and all - to Echo Lake Park, located in Mountainside and Westfield.

"At Nomahegan Park, the stage was submerged," said Freeholder Chairman Nicholas P. Scutari, a Linden resident. "The county was very active in responding to this disaster."

In the program, Freeholder Scutari is joined by Freeholder Linda D. Stender of Fanwood and Ben Laganga, Director of the Office of Environmental Health and Emergency Management.

They highlighted the county's

steps to deal with Floyd's wake, including: an advance strategy meeting for emergency management coordinators, active participation by county workers in flood relief, and a no-interest loan program for residents of flood-stricken communities.

"We knew what needed to be done and our county was ready to respond," said Freeholder Stender.

In each bi-weekly, 30-minute program, Chairman Scutari and guests discuss news events and issues affecting the lives of Union County residents. "Freeholders Forum" is made possible through the facilities and technical direction of Union County College.

Entitled "Union County: We're Connected to You," the show will be aired through Sunday, October 10, according to the following schedule:

- Fanwood and Mountainside — Channel 35.
- Scotch Plains — Channel 34.
- Westfield — Channel 36.

Viewers should check their cable listings for times. Anyone wanting more information or to comment about "Freeholders Forum" may call the Office of Public Information at (908) 527-4746.

## United Methodist Committee Conducts Emergency Response

MADISON — The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is surveying the damages from recent Hurricane Floyd flooding in New Jersey.

Kim Pease, UMCOR Information Services, on-site in Madison said, "There is a real concern for people who won't be eligible for FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) relief and assistance, and that help isn't coming fast enough and in the right ways."

One of the immediate assistance aids will be the arrival of a disaster trailer from the United Methodist Committee on Relief Depot in Sager-Brown, La. The 48-foot trailer, full of sanitation and cleaning supplies, was expected to arrive in Bound Brook on September 27.

The trailer will carry 1,000 flood buckets, mops and brooms, cleaning supplies, rubber gloves and sponges donated to UMCOR by member churches from across the United States.

Reverend Aida Fernandez has been appointed interim disaster response coordinator and will be coordinating church efforts to assist with the flood recovery efforts.

UMCOR works closely with FEMA and other federal and state and local agencies and is often the agency of last resort to many people, after government agencies leave.

Donations to the New Jersey Flood Relief Effort may be made by calling (800) 554-8583, or mailed to the United Methodist Committee on Relief, Advance No. 982460-1, 475 Riverside Drive No. 330, New York, N.Y. 10115 and marked "Hurricane Floyd" or can be left at any United Methodist Church.

## Rutgers Cooperative To Hold Program On Indoor Air Quality

WESTFIELD — In recognition of National Indoor Air Quality Awareness Month in October, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County will hold a one-evening program entitled, "Indoor Air Quality and Your Child's Health," on Tuesday, October 12, from 7 to 9 p.m.. The meeting will be held on the first floor auditorium, 300 North Avenue, East, Westfield.

The purpose of this program is to teach parents how to reduce exposure to the triggers that can cause allergies and asthma.

New information on minimizing lead exposure will also be presented.

To register, or for more information on indoor air quality, please call the instructor Jennifer McGuire at (908) 654-9854.

The cost is \$5 for materials collected at the door. Space is limited and registration is required.

## Bound Brook Cropwalk to Aid Victims of Hurricane Floyd

Bound Brook will hold its 15th Annual CROPWALK to benefit relief efforts for local victims of Hurricane Floyd on Sunday, October 17, at 1:30 p.m. at Bound Brook High School, West Union Avenue, Bound Brook.

CROPWALKS are the community hunger appeal of Church World Service (CWS), the relief and development arm of the National Council of Churches of Christ. Each year, there are 130 CROPWALKS in New Jersey. This fall, approximately 85 CROPWALKS will be held across New Jersey.

Funds raised will be used in local hunger relief and development projects addressing hunger needs in other countries.

Under normal circumstances, local communities can receive up to 25 percent of the funds collected from a CROPWALK.

This year, CWS has authorized all the proceeds of the CROPWALK in Bound Brook to be specified for

flood recovery in the area.

Church World Service disaster consultants have been sent to the three major flood zones in New Jersey to aid the voluntary interfaith response efforts.

CWS is appealing for support to aid in assessment and to fund long term recovery efforts throughout the eastern United States affected by the storm. CWS will be sending 1,300 Clean-up Kits, blankets, tents and other material resources as needed.

Contributions can be made by calling (800) 297-1516 and specifying their donation for the Fall Storms 1999 Appeal (Acct. No. 976240). If they wish, donors can specify that their donation be used in New Jersey.

Contributions can also be sent directly to Church World Service, P.O. Box 968, Elkhart, IN 46515.

Donations of food can be dropped off at the United Methodist Church, 150 West Union Street in Bound Brook.

Donations of cleaning supplies are being collected by St. Joseph's Church in Bound Brook, at Mountain and High Streets.

Volunteers are needed to work in shelters and help with cleaning. Social workers and Spanish speaking people are desperately needed. Please contact The Reformed Church of Bound Brook at (732) 356-9345.

Temporary housing for 2-3 weeks is sought for families. Please contact Congregation Kneseth Israel, Rabbi Kraus, (732) 469 0934.

Anyone interested in information on the Bound Brook CROPWALK or a local CROPWALK in their area can call (888) 297-2767.

## Mountainside Rotary Seeks Donations to Aid Victims of Hurricane

MOUNTAINSIDE — The Mountainside Rotary Club is requesting help from all Mountainside residents for Bound Brook flood relief.

Please bring non-perishable food items and cleaning supplies to: Fleet Bank, 855 Mountain Avenue, Mountainside, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please do not include any clothing.

## Elizabethtown Water Restores Service; Plant Requires Many Repairs

By HORACE R. CORBIN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD — Elizabethtown Water Company reported yesterday to *The Westfield Leader and The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood* that service to its 213,000 customers in the area is restored and that operations are stable.

System storage and distribution pressures are at normal levels. Water quality testing has passed the criteria of the New Jersey State Environmental Protection Agency and has been certified for public consumption since last Friday, September 24, at 8 p.m.

Industry in the five-county region that had voluntarily shut down or curtailed operation on September 20, due to the crisis, is returning to normal operation. About 40,000 people in Edison and nearby areas had been without any water for several days. Their service has been restored since September 20.

From September 17 to September 24, all users of the water were advised to boil the water for three minutes for all consumption applications such as drinking, cooking and ice making.

The water supply crisis was caused by flood damage on September 17 to the company's main water treatment plant on the Raritan River near Bound Brook. The river flooded to record levels following Hurricane Floyd's deluge of about 10 inches of rain over a wide area of the state during the previous Wednesday and Thursday.

The storm intensity was reported by state officials as a once in 500-year occurrence.

Workers had to abandon the Bound Brook water plant. One worker was trapped by flood waters and stayed overnight Thursday on the roof of a building until rescue by helicopter was achieved the following morning.

To compensate for the loss of the plant, the company took several measures during the crisis such as to bring their Franklin Township treatment plant to the highest level of production, activated available

ground water wells, ceased exporting water to neighboring systems and activated a dormant supply pipe tie-in from the City of Newark water system.

The Bound Brook water treatment plant of Elizabethtown Water Company normally supplies most of the 150 million gallons per day of water consumed by its customers. The crisis affected about 500,000 people in 47 municipalities over parts of five counties including Union, Middlesex, Somerset, Morris and Hunterdon.

A separate water system of Elizabethtown Water in Mercer County was unaffected by the emergency.

To ensure that the distribution piping system did not empty during the crisis and result in raw water entering the massive network, the public was asked to drastically reduce consumption.

Additional concerns for reducing consumption were expressed at the time by the water company to ensure that sufficient water supply was available for fire fighting.

Consumers were asked not to take showers, not to use dishwashers, not to wash clothes and to flush toilets infrequently. Information was delivered to the public through several media such as newspapers, radio, television and the Internet. The public and industry responded.

Had raw water entered the piping network due to the loss of supply and pressure, an extensive and time consuming purging of the pipes may have been required.

Although the damaged Bound Brook water plant is now back to near full production, several months will be required to make all repairs such as to controls, standby emergency power and instrumentation systems.

The public is advised that normal water use is now okay; but, they are reminded that it is prudent to avoid wasteful consumption of this precious resource.

Additional information can be obtained at [www.goleader.com/water](http://www.goleader.com/water) and at [www.etownwater.com](http://www.etownwater.com).

### PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
**NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD**  
Date Adopted: September 23, 1999  
Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service or extraordinary, unspecified service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 1358-99**  
**AWARDED TO:** Plainfield Consultation Center, 105 Stelle Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey.

**SERVICES:** Fitness Duty evaluations for Correctional Officers.

**COST:** At a cost of \$220 per evaluation, in an amount not to exceed \$3,330.

**PERIOD:** For the period January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000.

M. Elizabeth Genievich  
Clerk of the Board

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## NOTICE OF SALE FOR REAL ESTATE FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES AND MUNICIPAL CHARGES

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that, I, Kathleen W. Silber, the Collector of Taxes of the Township of Scotch Plains, Union County, New Jersey will sell at a public auction on the 5th day of October 1999, in the Municipal Court in the Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey at 10 o'clock in the morning, the below described lands.

The said lands will be sold to make the amount of municipal liens chargeable against that same on the 5th day of October 1999 together with interest and cost of sale, exclusive however, of the lien for taxes for the year 1999.

Said lands will be sold in fee to such persons as will purchase the same, subject to redemption at the lowest rate of interest, but in no case in excess of eighteen (18) percent per annum. Payment for the sale shall be made in cash, certified or cashier's check or money order before the conclusion of the sale or the property will be resold.

Any parcel of real property for which there shall be no other purchase will be struck off and sold to the municipality in fee for redemption at eighteen (18) percent per annum and the municipality shall have the right to bar or foreclose right of redemption.

The sale will be made and conducted in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 5 of Title 54, Revised Statutes of New Jersey, 1937 and amendments thereto.

At any time before the sale, the undersigned will receive payment of the amount due on the property, with interest and costs incurred up to the time of payment by cash, certified or cashier's check, or money order.

Industrial properties may be subject to the Spill Compensation and Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11 et seq.), the Water Pollution Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58:10A-1 et seq.), and the Industrial Site Recovery Act (N.J.S.A. 13:1K-6 et seq.). In addition, the municipality is precluded from issuing a tax sale certificate to any prospective purchaser who is or may be in any way connected to the prior owner or operator of the site.

The said lands so subject to sale, described in accordance with the tax duplicate, including the name of the owner as shown on the last tax duplicate and the total amount due thereon respectively on the 5th day of October 1999, exclusive of the lien for the year are as listed below:

NO. BLOCK	LOT	NAME	ADDRESS	TAX	MUNIC.	INTER-EST	COST	TOTAL
1.	101	11 Scherer, Shirley	349 Terrill Road	2,895.74	0.00	488.88	67.69	3,452.31
2.	101	12 Monteverde, H. and J.	347 Terrill Road	2,951.76	0.00	565.76	70.35	3,587.87
3.	405	2 Barich, John and Claudia	564 Hunter Avenue	1,608.33	0.00	50.67	33.18	1,692.18
4.	503	4 Curry, April	1718 Front Street	786.12	0.00	9.78	15.92	811.82
5.	602	16 Shackelford, M. and Banks, R.	1601 Front Street	3,458.78	0.00	809.53	85.37	4,353.68
6.	704	2 Gonzalez, Lillian	211 Willow Avenue	1,632.54	0.00	149.79	35.65	1,817.98
7.	801	4 Irvin, Joe and Betty Jean	220 Pinehurst Avenue	3,529.06	0.00	825.98	87.10	4,442.14
8.	903	18 Jennings, Wyatt and Julia	314 Sycamore Avenue	4,021.02	0.00	674.52	93.91	4,789.45
9.	1201	12 Stein, S. and Berman, C.	1730 East Second Street	1,519.73	0.00	114.63	32.69	1,667.05
10.	1201	13 Stein, S. and Berman, C.	1732 East Second Street	555.16	0.00	41.21	15.00	611.37
15.	4101	4 Wood, Joseph and Beverly	429 Henry Street	4,718.80	0.00	892.09	100.00	5,710.89
16.	4401	14 West, Mary E.	4 Johnson Street	2,193.74	0.00	342.22	50.72	2,586.68
17.	4501	3 Smith, M. and C. and C.	2510 Mountain Avenue	3,509.29	0.00	447.62	79.14	4,036.05
18.	5501	2 Koleszar, Jeffrey	6 Copperfield Road	2,481.76	0.00	470.30	59.04	3,011.10
20.	6001	9 Jones, Eloise	528 Rolling Peaks Way	1,353.82	0.00	100.48	29.09	1,483.39
21.	6201	12 Crisp, Louise Estate of	737 Jerusalem Road	1,128.07	0.00	213.77	26.84	1,368.68
22.	7201	5.10 McDuffie, Danny and Shirley	823 O'Donnell Avenue	683.91	0.00	57.79	15.00	756.70
23.	7201	23 Wills, C. and C. A. Shavers-Wills	2398 Hamlette Place	1,130.61	0.00	95.22	24.52	1,250.35
24.	7303	6 Campbell, John	2402 Park Place	560.23	0.00	47.18	15.00	622.41
25.	7303	7 Campbell, John	2404 Park Place	560.23	0.00	47.18	15.00	622.41
27.	7901	19 Maricic, Anton and Janet	2427 Seneca Road	3,724.61	0.00	581.21	86.12	4,391.94
28.	8702	4.01 Affordable Homes of NJ Inc.	1123 Washington Avenue	1,893.64	0.00	196.01	41.79	2,131.44
31.	12203	8 McCall, George and Renay	30 Traveller Way	7,926.58	0.00	1,603.56	100.00	9,630.14
32.	13301	22 Dixon, Robert and Barbara	3 Linden Lane	8,840.22	0.00	1,217.04	100.00	10,157.26
33.	14301	21 Patey, John and Cynthia	1350 Raritan Road	1,477.90	0.00	109.69	31.75	1,619.34
34.	14301	22 Tussell, Carol Ann	1360 Raritan Road	5,250.92	0.00	1,228.99	100.00	6,579.91
35.	14901	59 Fernandez, Misael and Luz	1270 Terrill Road	1,955.75	0.00	187.44	42.86	2,186.05

Kathleen W. Silber  
Collector of Taxes  
Scotch Plains, New Jersey