

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

2005

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

Open to Public Inspection

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

A For the 2005 calendar year, or tax year beginning

COPY

<p>B Check if applicable:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Address change</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Name change</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Initial return</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Final return</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Amended return</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Application pending</p>	<p>Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.</p>	<p>C Name of organization UNITED WAY OF FORSYTH COUNTY, INC.</p> <p>Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite P. O. BOX 1350</p> <p>City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 CUMMING, GA 30028</p>	<p>D Employer identification number 58-1925396</p> <p>E Telephone number 770-781-4110</p> <p>F Accounting method: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) ▶</p>
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Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

H and I are not applicable to section 527 organizations.

G Website: ▶ **WWW.UNITEDWAYFORSYTH.COM**

J Organization type (check only one) ▶ 501(c) (3) ◀ (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Check here if the organization's gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. The organization need not file a return with the IRS; but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return. **Some states require a complete return.**

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? Yes No

H(b) If "Yes," enter number of affiliates ▶ **N/A**

H(c) Are all affiliates included? **N/A** Yes No (If "No," attach a list.)

H(d) Is this a separate return filed by an organization covered by a group ruling? Yes No

I Group Exemption Number ▶ **N/A**

M Check if the organization is **not** required to attach Sch. B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

L Gross receipts: Add lines 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b to line 12 ▶ **1,838,860.**

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received:				
	a Direct public support	1a	1,774,907.		
	b Indirect public support	1b			
	c Government contributions (grants)	1c			
	d Total (add lines 1a through 1c) (cash \$ 1,774,907. noncash \$)	1d		1,774,907.	
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts (from Part VII, line 93)	2			
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3			
	4 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	4			
	5 Dividends and interest from securities	5		8,594.	
	6 a Gross rents	6a			
	b Less: rental expenses	6b			
	c Net rental income or (loss) (subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c			
	7 Other investment income (describe)	7			
	8 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(A) Securities		(B) Other	
		8a			
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	8b			
	c Gain or (loss) (attach schedule)	8c			
	d Net gain or (loss) (combine line 8c, columns (A) and (B))	8d			
	9 Special events and activities (attach schedule). If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>				
	a Gross revenue (not including \$ 0. of contributions reported on line 1a)	9a	55,359.		
	b Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	9b	26,406.		
	c Net income or (loss) from special events (subtract line 9b from line 9a)	9c	SEE STATEMENT 1	28,953.	
	10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a			
	b Less: cost of goods sold	10b			
	c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (attach schedule) (subtract line 10b from line 10a)	10c			
	11 Other revenue (from Part VII, line 103)	11			
	12 Total revenue (add lines 1d, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c, 7, 8d, 9c, 10c, and 11)	12		1,812,454.	
	13 Program services (from line 44, column (B))	13		854,232.	
	14 Management and general (from line 44, column (C))	14		72,492.	
	15 Fundraising (from line 44, column (D))	15		77,204.	
	16 Payments to affiliates (attach schedule)	16	SEE STATEMENT 2	8,727.	
	17 Total expenses (add lines 16 and 44, column (A))	17		1,012,655.	
	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 12)	18		799,799.	
	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 73, column (A))	19		1,309,159.	
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20		0.	
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year (combine lines 18, 19, and 20)	21		2,108,958.	

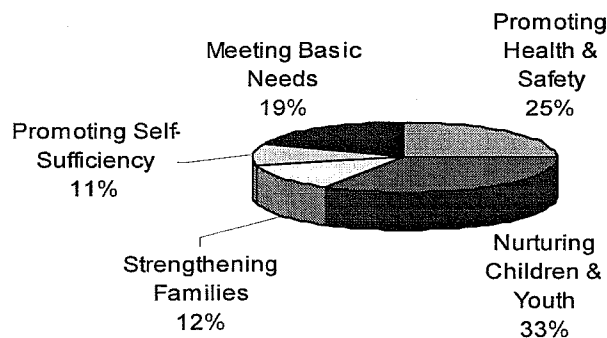
United Way of Forsyth County 2005 – The Year in Review

It's about making a difference. Strengthening and supporting families. Nurturing children and youth. Promoting health & safety. Promoting self-sufficiency. Meeting basic needs. Helping citizens with special needs. Helping in Crisis situations. Changing the lives of those who need help most. That's impact!

The planning for campaign 2006 began on the heels of the worse natural disaster ever to affect the United States, Hurricane Katrina. In addition to focusing on the needs of Forsyth and Dawson County residents, the Board of Directors and United Way staff were faced with providing services for the evacuees coming from Katrina devastated areas. One thing that helped was the very successful 2005 campaign; United Way of Forsyth County finally reached the million-dollar mark by raising \$1,068,448.21 exceeding the 2005 goal by over \$68,000. There was much to be thankful for and the generosity created hope throughout the county for amazing results for 2006. With the upcoming campaign in mind, the Board of Directors and staff of United Way of Forsyth County set their sights on a goal of \$1,150,000. Through diligent planning and successful campaigning, the goal was not only reached, it was exceeded. United Way of Forsyth County raised \$1,434,405.60! Dawson County, alone, raised \$78,619.97. Leadership giving grew to having well over 400 individuals donating \$500 or more. United Way's Leadership Giving provided stability for the annual campaign and served as a beacon for others to follow.

As in years past, the campaign began with our Fourth Annual Day of Caring, where we had over 300 volunteers donating their time and effort to worthwhile projects throughout the county. The teams worked to provide a helping hand to the agencies during the morning hours and then rejoined as one group for the luncheon. During the 2006 Campaign Kick-Off, the teams listened to Rhonda Rich, author of "What Southern Women Know" and "My Life in the Pits", give a motivational speech entitled "The Circle of Giving" while enjoying the delicious feast prepared by Bill Norman and Norman's Landing Restaurant.

In 2005, United Way of Forsyth County invested nearly \$780,000 in health and human service agencies. Like a giant safety net, United Way supported services that reached our diverse community of individuals and families. Through United Way's partners in the community, services were provided for the very young and the very old, the weak and the well, the hurting and impoverished.



Focusing on Solutions

- The Georgia 2-1-1 Steering Committee approved coverage of the 2-1-1 information and referral hotline for Forsyth County. With approval from the Georgia Public Service Commission, 2-1-1 dialing will be a reality in 2006.
- United Way participated in various task forces addressing cultural diversity, temporary emergency shelter, a boys youth shelter and programs for individuals with special needs.

- United Way of Forsyth County broke the barriers of traditional funding. We began partnering with organizations providing priority solutions in the health and human service arena....focusing on the needs of the community.
- United Way addressed the needs of Katrina evacuees by facilitating communication amongst helping organizations, churches, government entities, schools and disaster relief agencies.
- United Way encourages citizen involvement. We supported the start-up of Hands On Forsyth, a new volunteer initiative of Forsyth County Community Connection.

Demonstrating Accountability

- In a continued effort to strengthen United Way's promise to its donors, community investment volunteers emphasized the importance of accountability among partner agencies by increased vigilance through the agency review process.
- United Way of Forsyth County met all new 2005 new standard membership standards certification required by United Way of America.
- Keeping overhead costs to a minimum. Only 11-12% of funds are spent on overhead expenses, so more dollars go back into the community to help others.
- United Way of Forsyth County continued to work on strengthening its own policies and internal controls, ensuring protection of the donor investment.

During the first 15 years of funding, United Way of Forsyth County has allocated \$5,531,621 to support the citizens of Forsyth County. Collectively, we have shown what the power of one person reaching out to another can do. We have demonstrated how small gifts can accomplish large goals. United Way....it brings out the best in all of us.

Thank you to all who made last year a wonderful success. It is through your efforts that health and human service needs will be met within our community, you are a hero to the citizens of Forsyth and Dawson Counties. As we begin planning for this year, we have big shoes to fill. However, we know with the power of a caring community with us, we can accomplish many great things. Working together, making a difference one day at a time.