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**United Way of the
Chattahoochee Valley**



United Way Youth Council (UWYC) is a student-led community change organization in the Chattahoochee Valley. With support from United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley and representatives from each participating school, students in UWYC help impact the community, grow as leaders, and develop relationships within the non-profit sector.

GOALS

GIVE: Fundraise and be responsible for investing those funds to help address critical issues facing the Chattahoochee Valley.

ADVOCATE: Educate members and other students about critical community issues in the areas of Basic Needs, Income, Health and Education.

VOLUNTEER: Serve, and recruit peers to serve, in meaningful ways to create lasting change.

OBJECTIVES

LEARN about our community and its needs.

VOLUNTEER to make a difference in our community.

DECIDE on a key community issue.

RAISE FUNDS through fun activities.

ENGAGE their fellow students, faculty and staff.

SEND out request for proposals to United Way community partners.

DETERMINE which programs should receive funding.

COMMITMENT

Participants serve as a UWYC representative for eight months. Meetings are held on selected Thursdays from 4:15 pm - 5:45 pm at United Way partner agencies. **Students are responsible for their own transportation to meetings and volunteer projects.**

MEMBERSHIP

Members are selected through an application process. Ideally, two students per school shall serve as active members and can be sophmores, juniors or seniors. Principals and/or guidance offices shall assist in the application process.

ACTIVE MEMBERS may hold various functional responsibilities of the organization, have voting privileges, and are responsible for ensuring the annual objectives to Give, Advocate and Volunteer are met.

STUDENT ADVISORS are faculty or staff members, from each participating school, who attend meetings when possible and advise the active members. United Way staff will also serve as advisors of the UWYC. UWYC Alumni may offer additional support to students.

FINANCE

There will be no dues for UWYC membership. Fundraising monies will be the primary source of revenue that UWYC will be able to allocate to non-profit agencies in the Chattahoochee Valley region.

KEY DATES*

AUGUST 22 - Application Deadline

SEPTEMBER 15 - Council Meeting/Volunteer Opportunity

SEPTEMBER 29 - Council Meeting

OCTOBER 13 - Council Meeting

OCTOBER 27 - Volunteer Opportunity

NOVEMBER 17 - Council Meeting

DECEMBER 1 - Council Meeting

DECEMBER 15 - Holiday Party

JANUARY 12 - Council Meeting

FEBRUARY 9 - Council Meeting

FEBRUARY 23 - Council Meeting

MARCH 9 - Agency Interviews

MARCH 16 - Council Meeting

MARCH - Alternative Spring Break - Date TBA

APRIL - Year-End Celebration - Date TBA

*Dates subject to change

RESULTS

VOLUNTEERED - More than 350 hours

FOCUSED ON - Education programs that concentrated on areas outside traditional academics such as special needs, technology, arts or music

RAISED - \$3,712 in student funds

FUNDED PROGRAMS

Open Door Community House

-Youth in Unison program

The Family Center

-Families Night Out program