



## **New Born Learning Trails Coming to Fox Cities**

Because of the importance of getting our children off to a good start in life, making sure that children enter Kindergarten developmentally on track is a priority for United Way. United Way Fox Cities' Born Learning Trails provide free opportunities for parents, grandparents and caregivers to boost young children's literacy and language skills. Currently, there are two Born Learning Trails in the Fox Cities at Pierce Park (Appleton) and Plamann Park Children's Farm (Appleton). Three additional trails will be completed in fall 2015 at Fritse Park (Town of Menasha), Jefferson Park (Menasha) and Smith Park (Menasha).

The trails feature interactive stations with tips and tools to engage children in play-based learning activities. By playing and exploring together on the Born Learning Trails, you can help your child get ready for success in school and in life. Visit a trail today!

If your company would like to sponsor a new Born Learning Trail in the Fox Cities, or if you are interested in volunteering to help install a Born Learning Trail, please [email Suzanne Brault Pagel](#) at United Way Fox Cities.

## **Dollars for Diapers Campaign a Success**

This spring, the community came together to support the Fox Cities Diaper Bank, an initiative of United Way Fox Cities, through the [Post-Crescent's "Dollars for Diapers" Do It! Challenge](#). The challenge, presented by Kimberly-Clark Cares and Huggies, ran Mother's Day through Father's Day and reached its \$60,000 goal. Because of this year's campaign, the Diaper Bank will be stocked with nearly 250,000 diapers, helping an average of 900 children per month.

In addition, during the Dollars for Diapers Campaign, nine sites collected nearly 6,000 diapers, 23 containers of wipes, and other assorted items such as bottles, formula and baby lotion. A group of

ThedaCare's United Way Fox Cities Emerging Leaders and friends volunteered to sort, repackage and box the diapers for distribution (pictured above).

Special thanks to all of the community members who donated and community partners: J. J. Keller Foundation, United Way Fox Cities, Thrivent Financial, Kimberly-Clark Cares and U.S. Venture, who each matched donations of \$5,000. Together, Fox Communities, Prospera, Evergreen, Capital, Badger Globe, Thrivent Federal, Unison and St. Elizabeth Employees credit unions matched \$10,000. The Post-Crescent Community Fund gave \$5,000 at the end of the campaign to get us to our goal. Thank you!

### **Camp Hope Creates Lasting Memories**

Each year for the past 14 years, YMCA of the Fox Cities' Camp Hope has welcomed more than 40 children between the ages of 6 and 15 who have cognitive or physical disabilities. The two-week day camp, sponsored in part by United Way Fox Cities, offers campers activities including swimming, sports, music, craft projects, group games and guest speakers. Campers are encouraged to get lots of exercise and reach their highest potential.

This summer, staff from United Way Fox Cities had the chance to hear first-hand about the enriching experiences Camp Hope offers. During the visit, campers were constructing memory books with photos from their time at camp and were enthusiastic about sharing their stories. Your gift to United Way Fox Cities makes Camp Hope possible. Thank you!

### **Thrive Career Academy Graduates First Class**

In 2014, United Way awarded a total of \$540,000 in grants to five local projects. One of the grants went to Valley Packaging Industries' Thrive Career Academy to assist clients with disabilities in obtaining employment. The program is held three days a week for three months and includes soft skills training and internships, followed by placement in a competitive job.

On July 24, 2015, at a ceremony at UW Fox Valley, the first seven graduates celebrated their accomplishments, along with proud families and supporters of the program. Because of your investment in United Way Fox Cities, these graduates have a bright future!

Enrollment for the second Thrive Career Academy class has started. For more information about the program, contact [Valley Packaging Industries](#) at 920-749-5859.

### **Peter Kelly Receives Charles and Adele Heeter Award from Appleton Rotary**

Peter Kelly, President & CEO of United Way Fox Cities, received the Charles and Adele Heeter Award for outstanding community leadership from the Rotary Club of Appleton. Among his many accomplishments, Peter has been very involved in [Voices of Men](#), a movement in the Fox Cities and Oshkosh that is taking on the issue of domestic violence and sexual abuse. Peter served on the Leadership Team for Voices of Men from its inception in 2007 until 2014. He remains involved and is an active supporter of the movement.

## **Don't Miss our Upcoming Events:**

### **United Way Fox Cities EXPERIENCE! Tours**

*Tours are open to all individuals and groups who would like to learn more about United Way Fox Cities.*

#### [Afterschool Programming](#)

Aug. 11, Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Boys and Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley, 160 S. Badger Avenue, Appleton

#### [Healthy Lifestyle](#)

Aug. 27, Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Weight of the Fox Valley, 1455 Midway Road, Menasha

#### [Mental Health Services](#)

Sept. 2, Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Iris Place

1213 S. Matthias Street,

Appleton

#### [Afterschool Programming](#)

Sept. 30, Noon - 1:00 p.m.

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[View the full EXPERIENCE! calendar \(Aug. - March\)](#)

### **United Way Fox Cities Emerging Leaders**

*Emerging Leaders is recommended for those age 40 and under.*

#### [Serve Breakfast at Homeless Connections](#)

August 8, 7:00 - 9:15 a.m.

#### [Serve Snack at Homeless Connections](#)

August 27, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Happy Hour at [Uncorked](#)

August 20, 5:00 p.m.

[View the full Emerging Leaders Event Calendar.](#)

### **ERC Presents the United Way Fox Cities Community Golf Outing**

ERC Presents the United Way Fox Cities Community Golf Outing on Thursday, September 3, 2015 at Ridgeway Country Club. The UWFC Community Golf Outing is a charitable event that celebrates the commitment our business community has for United Way Fox Cities. For more information or to register, [download the registration form.](#)