

Wells Fargo invests in Safe Homes via United Way

SUBMITTED BY THE UNITED WAY OF NORTHWEST GEORGIA

Wells Fargo bank has invested \$3,000 in United Way of Northwest Georgia's Safe Homes Initiative, helping families who are hungry, homeless or in crisis rebuild their lives.

"Wells Fargo has been by our side for many years. They are an important partner of our work in helping individuals and families become more financially stable and build stronger homes. Dale Cruise and the local Wells Fargo team are generous donors and volunteers, in addition to the corporate giving," United Way of Northwest Georgia President Amanda Burt said.

The United Way network provides four types of residential shelter in our community: drug

and alcohol residential recovery, transitional housing for families, shelter for domestic violence survivors and second chance housing and guidance for teen moms and their babies.

United Way also provides grants and volunteer mobilization to help with home repairs, accessibility for those with disability and weatherization for the elderly, low-income and the disabled, as well as assistance with housing costs and utility assistance.

United Way's Safe Homes impact in 2015:

- 165 people received shelter in family transitional housing units.
- 442 people received overnight shelter, totaling 28,518 bed nights (6,595 were for domestic violence).
- 2,574 people received hous-



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Wells Fargo presents the United Way with a \$3,000 investment in safe homes. From left are Olivia Hamill, Colt Pollock, Dale Cruise, Rebecca Cox, Kay Owensby, Colby Davis and Andrea Mansfield.

ing assistance — housing counseling, rent/mortgage assistance, temporary shelter, subsidized housing, etc.

- 10,095 individuals received assistance to reduce their long-term need for food, housing or utility assistance through counseling, life skills or financial counseling.
- 22,600 individuals' short-term needs were met because they received food, clothing, furniture, prescription medication and/or direct financial (rent or utility) assistance.
- 11 individuals received job training or education designed to move them from low-wage jobs to higher income jobs.
- 641 domestic violence calls were answered.
- 15 projects took place benefiting approximately 310 people with repairs of roofs, walls, water heaters and floors so that people could stay in their home.
- 181 people benefited from disaster services (single-family home fires, natural disasters, multifamily home fires and/or flooding incidents).

Wells Fargo's commitment to building a stronger community through United Way is a testament to how they Live United.



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EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED

Oriental Weavers recently recognized its April and May service awards recipients. On the first row, from left, are Donna Lange, Sara Medrano, Guadalupe Huijon, Juan Mauricio and Bruce Muse; second row, Darrel McCay, chief financial officer; Brooks Gallman; Manuel Hueramo; Glenn Traylor; Nancy Huey and Kim Collette, human resources director.

'Round up' your bill at Kroger to help support the USO

Kroger is joining forces with the United Service Organization (USO) from June 26 to July 9 to "Round-Up" support for American troops and their families by giving customers the opportunity to round up their store purchases to the nearest dollar. For example, a customer who purchases \$99.02 of groceries is urged to "Round Up" his bill to \$100 by donating 98 cents.

With the goal of raising \$250,000, "Round-Up" funds will quickly add up to make a world of difference in the lives of military heroes.

Kroger has also partnered with the USO through "Honoring Our Heroes," a multifaceted program designed to show Kroger's deep gratitude to active duty troops, military families, troops transitioning into civilian life and the nation's veterans.

Established in 1941, the USO, a nonprofit, congressionally chartered organization, supports American troops in combat, as well as military personnel on local bases, the National Guard, Guard Reserves and other personnel providing humanitarian aid.

Since 2011, Kroger customers in the Atlanta Division have raised more than \$1.5 million through the grocer's annual "Round Up" and "Honoring Our Heroes" campaigns in support of the USO.

Customers can visit HonoringOurHeroes.com to see Kroger's associates' stories of courage, then write a message to America's heroes. By posting on social media channels using the #HonoringOurHeroes hashtag, the message will automatically appear on the official website.

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