



There are so many ways  
to LIVE UNITED...

In addition to the funded community programs we work with, UWLC offers many other programs and services to lend a hand to all ages in Laurens County.

## GET CONNECTED

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**GET INVOLVED—Get Connected** is a free, web-based service offered by United Way of Laurens County that helps connect local non-profit organizations and volunteers. It's a simple tool that allows agencies to inform the community of upcoming events/needs, while volunteers stay informed and able to help out in various ways.

**PROMOTE LITERACY—The Imagination Library** is a Dollywood Foundation program offered by United Way of Laurens County and School District 55. In an effort to promote early childhood literacy and family reading, this program allows new, age-appropriate books to be mailed once a month to Laurens County children ages 5 and under. Currently, more than 1,200 children are enrolled and receiving monthly books.



## bornlearning™

Collaborative Upstate United Way Initiative  
with [www.bornlearning.org](http://www.bornlearning.org)

**BE AN ADVOCATE FOR CHILDREN—Born Learning** Here in the Upstate Region of South Carolina, seven United Way organizations, serving 10 counties, have joined together to launch and support the *Born Learning* effort. *Born Learning* is designed as a tool for long-lasting community change that supports young children. It has three cornerstones: awareness about how young children learn; easy, fun, educational action steps that parents, grandparents and caregivers can use every day; and availability of research-driven products and tools for education outreach.

**HELP SOMEONE SAVE MONEY—Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** is a free service offered by United Way of Laurens County to help low-income families file their state and federal taxes—free of charge. Any household making under \$53,000 during the 2015 year will qualify for this service in 2016. We are looking for volunteers to help those in need of this service. Our VITA sites will be open from February-April. The specific program schedules will be posted on [www.uwlc-online.org](http://www.uwlc-online.org).



**GROW RESOURCES FOR OUR COMMUNITY—2-1-1** is a one-stop resource for finding assistance in Laurens County. New to our Community, a database is kept of local resources & service providers including support groups, community clinics, counselors, shelters, food pantries, programs for seniors, and many more agencies in South Carolina.

**SUPPORT SENIOR ADULTS—Bags of Love** is a neighborhood-focused event to let our elderly and shut-ins know that we, as a community, are thinking of them! United Way and Senior Options collect small gift bags filled with candy, books, pens, lotions, etc. that are handed out during the week of Valentine's Day to our Meals On Wheels recipients. This event is an inexpensive way to tell others you care! Get your family and/or your workplace involved by asking others to collect goodie bags for this event!



**GIVE 3 HOURS OF TIME—Day of Caring** is an annual United Way event that deploys teams of volunteers on-site to local service organizations around the community to perform hands-on tasks. Projects are simple enough that volunteers can accomplish the task in a three-hour time period. Examples include simple landscaping, painting, spring cleaning, or organizational projects. This is a great opportunity to give back to those agencies that help so many in times of need.

**PLAY FOR PROGRAMS**—United Way hosts an annual **Community Golf Championship**. Proceeds of this tournament directly fund the many great programs powered by the UWLC. Businesses and individuals come together to form 4-man teams in a captain's choice format. Join us for a great afternoon of golf, food, and beverage all while supporting many programs. Don't play golf? We still need volunteers!

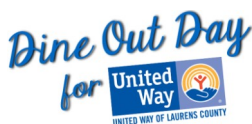


## SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE



**DONATE SCHOOL SUPPLIES**—Our annual **School Supplies Drive** helps us make sure that we are getting kids off to a great start each year. Volunteers help pass out supply lists and collect all donated items. School supplies are distributed to all public schools in Laurens County to make sure that all children have an opportunity for a great school year. Donate supplies or come out to collect!

**SUPPORT PEOPLE IN NEED—Blessing Boxes** is a church-focused program to let families in our community know we care & are thinking of them! United Way and some local churches collect items like paper towels, toiletries, etc. and box these basic needs up with a special blessing & a bible. These boxes are used for a family during a time of need. This program is an inexpensive way to tell others you care!



**FEED THE PROGRAMS—Dine Out Day for United Way** is a fun and easy way for local restaurants to FEED programs in our community through United Way of Laurens County! Each participating restaurant pledges a percentage of their sales to the programs supported by United Way of Laurens County.

# Join us! LIVE UNITED! Be a part of the change!