Monroe County United Way Kicks Off Fundraising Campaign

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United Way of Monroe County kicked off its fundraising campaign Friday with a goal of $1,425,000.

The money will go to support local programs throughout the coming year. This year's goal is about $10,000 more than the funds raised last year.

United Way in a nonprofit organization that focuses on helping people in the short-term while creating long-term solutions in the community.

Here are several results from last year's partnerships:

- In 2012, 94 percent of the high-school seniors in United Way funded mentoring programs successfully graduated from school.
- This past spring, the Free Community Tax Service volunteers assisted low- and moderate-income people file 2,901 federal returns.
- Patients at Volunteers in Medicine received 11,202 needed prescriptions at no cost.
- 116,103 bags of groceries and 1,206,549 meals were provided to community members at risk of hunger in Monroe, Owen, and Greene counties.

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