

# Greater Mankato Area United Way eNewsletter

Our 2008 Campaign kicks off today!

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## 2008 Campaign Kickoff

The 2008 Campaign kicked off this morning at the Alltel Center. This year's 5% campaign goal increase will allow us to continue to fund our 34 local partner agencies, as well as our 2008 initiative pilot: *Ready for K!*

Here's to the start of a successful campaign!

## Your Gift in Action

### Spotlight on Partner Agencies

Courtney Dickey takes advantage of everything the community has to offer her! An active participant at **LEEP**, Courtney has taken classes from aerobics to ceramics to cooking and gone on trips to places like DC and Florida. Through these activities and services like the People First advocacy group at **ARC**, Courtney has grown in maturity and independence, learning to "do for yourself". As a participant and Global Messenger for the Special Olympics, Courtney is an active advocate for persons with disabilities. Through **MRCI**, Courtney works at Loyola School and at the Days Inn. Courtney is an excellent example of someone who is provided with great opportunities, and in turn contributes to the richness of our community!



Courtney competing at the Special Olympics

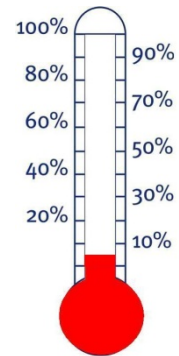
## Greetings!

This is the first eNewsletter of our 2008 Campaign! We look forward to staying in touch with you and keeping you up-to-date on our United Way, the 2008 campaign, and how your donations impact the lives of others in our community. If you know of someone who would like to be added to our distribution list, please have them contact us to get signed up. If you'd prefer not to receive these regular eNewsletters, please *Unsubscribe* above.

## Campaign Progress

2008 Goal: \$ 1,735,000

Pledges to-date: \$ 88,843



## New Corporate Pledges Received

Alltel	Best Buy
CenterPoint Energy	Clements Auto
Kato Engineering	MICO, Inc.
Pepsi-Cola, Inc.	Target
True Value	UPS
Valley Bank	Vikings Children's Fund
Wal-Mart Foundation	Xcel Energy

## Company Rally Spotlight: Valley Bank Scoops Up Success

With incentives and activities galore, Valley Bank had an outstanding United Way Week leading up to their company rally on August 31st.

Some employee competitions included the *Hot Shot Hockey Contest*, the *United Way 500 race* and the *Lucky 7 Putting Contest* in which branches and departments competed against each other. And here's an incentive for you: employees could submit an unlimited number of chances at \$1 each in a drawing for a free day off! The week ended with a refreshing *Root Beer Float* treat for everyone.



Nick Hinz scoops floats

Paul Menne and Nick Hinz, Valley Bank's Employee Campaign Leaders, deserve a standing ovation for their creativity and energy in planning and putting on the Rally Week activities!

Way to go, Valley Bank, for achieving your goal of 97% employee participation! Outstanding!

## Vikings Children's Fund



The Vikings Children's Fund presented a check to our United Way at Training Camp on Aug 8. Here the UW gals pose with Adrian Peterson!

## Corporate Gift Spotlight

Thanks to Kato Engineering for its generous corporate gift towards the 2008 Campaign. With an increase of 17% over last year, they really got the campaign off to a running start.

Thanks, Kato Engineering, for investing in our community!



*ECL Danielle Liebhard & LB*

## Agency Speakers at Rallies

There are so many personal stories out there of all the different people whose lives have been touched by programs funded through United Way. To all of our ECL's out there, we really encourage you to have an Agency Speaker speak at your company rallies to share these personal stories with your organization.

Call our office at 345-4551 for us to line up the speaker(s) for you!

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