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Welcome to the first edition of our Emerging Community Leaders (ECL) quarterly e-newsletter! Our hope is that this newsletter will bring more information to all of our amazing ECL Alumni on how to better **Connect, Serve and Lead** in our community through United Way!

Your United Way of Champaign County is committed to bringing people and resources together to create positive change and lasting impact in our community. Through ECL, you have all experienced in some way already what it means to be a part of this change; *making our community a better place to live and work.*

My challenge to each of you going forward is to continue to grow your leadership skills both professionally and personally and find new avenues to serve those community members who are struggling to make ends meet. **Families in crisis don't need a hand out, they just need a way out** and you can personally make an impact for many families by volunteering, donating in-kind services or items, and serving on a non-profit committees or boards.

We are the next generation of community leaders - making a difference, improving lives, right here at home. Thank you for all that you do!



Pam Hulten

Director of Resource Development
United Way of Champaign County

2011 ECL Class

Our 2011 ECL Class kicked off their year in March with a Poverty Simulation offering just a glimpse into the life of an impoverished family. Participants were grouped into families and were issued a plight. Each family had to live one month in the shoes of their particular family circumstance and still find a way to find a job, get the kids to school, afford groceries, and run errands all while on a very limited budget and (hopefully) staying out of trouble. Participants summarized their experience as: exhausting, paralyzing, frustrating, hopeless, and lonely just to name a few.



March 2011



Kick Off Event

The 2011 ECL Class size was limited this year to 53 to ensure better relationships and more meaningful experiences for everyone. Upcoming events include 3 advancement seminars to learn more about the inner workings of our area non-profit organization and exploring new opportunities to become future leaders within non-profits through volunteering. The class will also participate in August in the annual ECL Bus Tour getting a true inside look into several non-profit organizations and hear how they operate on a daily basis.

For the second year in a row, the current class is also completing a new requirement of the ECL program that includes team projects. Each team is responsible for fulfilling community volunteer service that relates to a specific community issue (i.e. basic needs, access to healthcare, education & schools) and also creating and implementing a new community solution project that addresses the needs around that community issue. Community issues follow the [2011 Community](#)

[Report](#) that United Way of Champaign County released last month.



Seminar 1 | April

If you are interested in seeing a roster of the 2011 class please contact [Pam](#).

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Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

Please view our most recent edition of our United Way [volunteer brochure](#) for new opportunities in the community!

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VOLUNTEER.
LIVE UNITED**

Additional Opportunities include:

Champaign County Chamber of Commerce

Needed between now and mid-May: Volunteers for the 2011 Shoppers Expo

Needed between mid-May and the beginning of June: Volunteers for

the Chamber's annual Golf Outing. Call Chamber office at 359-1791 for more details!

Champaign County Humane Society Garage Sale

Volunteers are needed for the [27th annual Champaign County Humane Society Garage Sale](#) the weekend of May 27-28. Last year they raised a record \$53,000 which could not have been possible without the aid of volunteers. Volunteers are needed to move items, set up, keep things organized, watch over tables, run registers, and answer questions, as well as clean up afterward.

Call or email: 344-7297 or volunteer@cuhumane.org

Daily Bread Soup Kitchen

Please offer us a helping hand making & serving lunches, handling supplies, planning and much more. We are an all volunteer organization and we need your help. Please join us today by calling 217/359-8500 or email dbsoupkitchen@gmail.com.

Provena Center for Healthy Aging's Faith in Action Program

The program serves Champaign County residents ages 55 and older who are in need. Volunteer opportunities include driving people to doctor's appointments and the pharmacy, grocery shopping for home-bound seniors, making companionable home visits, providing respite for caregivers, making telephone reassurance calls, light housekeeping/light meal preparation duties, minor household repairs, yard clean up/chores and office assistance.

For more information call Provena Center for Healthy Aging at (217) 337-2022.

If you are involved in a community group/organization and have a volunteer opportunity you would like to have posted, please email pam@uwayehlps.org with more detail.

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ECL Alum Earns Top Honor with Prudential | Zach Sabo

I began my Career with Prudential as a Financial Services Associate in 2006 in Cleveland, Ohio. My goal was to build a financial services practice. My success as a Financial Professional during those first few years in Ohio led to my promotion as Manager, Agency Training of The Greater Illinois Agency in Champaign. After two years in that MAT role, I was again promoted in March 2010 to my current position. As Manager, Financial Services.



Zach Sabo

I am responsible for the recruiting, training, and development of new Financial Services Professionals. In 2010, I grew my team to seven Financial Professionals and finished the year in the top 50 managers in the Company.

Currently, my staff consists of 11 Financial Professionals and has been ranked as the #1 team in the country. We are honored as a team to have such a great start to the year. We, at Prudential, are proud to serve as Financial Professionals and support organizations such as the United Way that serve our community.

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