

Victoria County United Way Announces Grants Totaling \$614,020



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Victoria, Texas (March 30, 2011) – The Victoria County United Way Board of Directors approved grants totaling \$614,020 to support services aimed at helping Victoria County become a stronger, safer and healthier community. Grants were awarded to nineteen agencies providing twenty-one programs ranging from after school care to services for seniors.

“The needs in our community are great and the challenges are many. The good news is clear, we are able to partner with local non-profit agencies that are addressing the many challenges we face as a community. Through these grants, we are assisting thousands of individuals who need help,” said Omar Rachid of Rachid Consulting and Chair of the Victoria County United Way Community Investment Committee.

Thirty volunteers spent an estimated 300 hours visiting agency programs, reviewing grant proposals and deliberating grant recommendations. “We are indebted to them for the time they have given to review proposals and manage a funding process that agencies and donors depend upon to be fair, transparent and accountable. Literally thousands of individuals will benefit from their thoughtful deliberations” said Kelly Park, of First Victoria Bank and Chair of the Victoria County United Way Board of Directors.

United Way grants include:

- \$65,000 to **Victoria Senior Citizens Services** to provide stimulating activities, fellowship and hot, nutritious meals for seniors.
- **Communities In Schools** received a grant of \$25,000 to help students remain in school by concentrating on attendance, academics and behavior.
- \$48,414 goes to **Perpetual Help Home** to provide a transitional living facility for women and children as well as the required federal match that will bring back four dollars for every dollar invested.
- **Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry** will use its \$45,000 grant to purchase food to provide 14,000 individuals and families with nutritious meals.
- \$62,500 will be used by the **Boys and Girls Club** to enrich the lives of 330 children to improve academic performance, avoid unhealthy behaviors, and accept personal responsibility, pride and a higher standard of diligence and rigor.



2011 Community Investment Grants

Improving People's Health

	2011 Grant
Billy T. Cattan Recovery Outreach	\$31,800
CASA	\$32,000
Hope of South Texas	\$40,000
Mid Coast Family Services	\$56,456
STARS	\$40,000
Victoria Senior Citizens	\$65,000
Sub Total	\$265,256

Helping Families Become Stable & Independent

	2011 Grant
American Red Cross	\$30,000
Gulf Bend Center	\$25,000
Food Bank of the Golden Crescent	\$18,000
Habitat for Humanity, Victoria	\$17,650
Perpetual Help Home	\$48,414
Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry	\$45,000
Sub Total	\$184,064

Helping Individuals Achieve Their Potential

	2011 Grant
Boy Scouts of America, South Texas Council	\$10,600
Boys and Girls Club	\$62,500
Communities in Schools	\$26,000
Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas	\$11,000
Victoria Adult Literacy Council	\$19,100
Victoria ISD Education Foundation	\$2,500
YMCA	\$33,000
Sub Total	\$164,700

GRAND TOTAL **\$614,020**

Victoria County United Way creates opportunities for everyone to become involved by focusing on the building blocks of a good life: **Education**, helping individuals achieve their potential; **Income**, helping families become stable and independent; and **Health**, improving people's health. We invite you to be a part of this change. *United*, we can inspire hope and create opportunities for a better tomorrow. Please contact Victoria County United Way at 361.578.3561 or visit online at www.unitedwayvictoria.org.