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The Wendy Thibeault Memorial Day of Caring was a Great Success!

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Day of Caring! For twelve years, the Day of Caring has consisted of volunteers performing service projects at United Way member agencies and other nonprofit organizations throughout the county. Although this has proven successful and fulfilling for volunteers, this year we decided to take the Day of Caring in a new direction. Our agencies with public food pantries had spoken of their numbers of visitors to the pantries skyrocketing, as donations were drastically decreasing. Food prices, gas prices, and the overall cost of living is taking its toll on those that need the food pantries and meal programs, but now these factors are taking a toll on those who used to be able to donate food but no longer could spare what they had. We decided this year was a good year to begin a county wide drive for food and personal care supplies; the proceeds of which would benefit not only our member agencies but all the pantries throughout the county. Dedicating the drive to the memory of Wendy Thibeault seemed only natural, as she was a dedicated community volunteer. Thank you to everyone who was involved in making the First Annual Wendy Thibeault Memorial Food and Supplies such a great success! To the sponsors, the businesses and their employees that ran workplace drives, to anyone who made a cash donation, and to all the volunteers; thank you for doing what matters!



Results:

We collected 5,560 pounds of food and personal care supplies!

More than \$1,400 in cash donations -

\$1,000 from the CNY Maple Festival Committee! Thank you!

Cash donations will be divided among the food pantries

Thanks again to our 25 sponsors, 52 businesses that ran workplace drives, 115 volunteers, and to everyone that gave!

