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### Pike United Way Announces Third Annual Day of Caring on Saturday September 13, 2003

In just two years, the Pike County Day of Caring has become an institution that community volunteers and non-profit agencies alike look forward to on the second Saturday in September. Committee Co-chairs for 2003, Lee Oakes, Christine Obser and Mike Donlon, say they anticipate even greater participation than last year, when 175 enthusiastic volunteers turned out to do thirty different projects for eighteen organizations, a total of more than 1,050 hours in a single day at an equivalent dollar value of more than \$10,000. Some of the volunteer workers enjoyed the experience so much that they went back again and again all year long to help the organizations they first served at the Day of Caring.

This year the date is Saturday September 13, rain or shine. Lee, Christine and Mike say the day will begin at 7:45AM with a simple, but delicious breakfast sponsored by Pam and Dick Lutfy at the Tom Quick Inn. There will be free t-shirts for all participants. Work assignments come in every variety and include painting and repairing classrooms and playgrounds for pre-schoolers and the handicapped, helping to build shelter or ramps for those in need, mulching and marking trails, office assistance for social service agencies, special projects at local fire and rescue companies, helping the elderly with projects they can no longer do for themselves, and much more.

So, mark September 13 on your calendars, get out your work clothes and heavy-duty shoes, and come out for a single day's work to help local non-profit organizations complete these important projects that will benefit our local citizens.

It's easy to sign-up --- as an individual, as a family, or a company or community team. You must be at least 14 years old, with no upper age limit, in good health and willing to give a day to help someone else in need. Just call the United Way of Pike County at (570) 296-9980; send a fax to (570) 296-5571 or e-mail to [unitedwaypike@pikeonline.net](mailto:unitedwaypike@pikeonline.net). Or, you can download the sign-up sheet from our website: [www.unitedwaypike.org](http://www.unitedwaypike.org).

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