

# LIVE UNITED... and watch the world change

The United Way of Alamance County, as an organization of donors and volunteers, exists to support the community in addressing its human service needs. We strive to identify those needs, to educate and involve the community, and to acquire, organize, and allocate funds for the benefit of those with insufficient resources in a manner that ensures accountability and maximum effectiveness. Working with many partners, United Way continually looks for the most effective ways to help with the basic things in life we all need: a quality education that leads to a stable job, income that can support a family through retirement, safe neighborhoods in which to live and grow, and good health. Living United means being part of the change.

## MEETING BASIC NEEDS

- From 2000-2006 bankruptcy filings increased 163%
- There are over 150 homeless children in our school system
- More than half of Alamance County households don't earn enough money to pay for their basic needs
- In 2007, 40% of Alamance County Residents surveyed reported cutting back on food due to costs.

## NURTURING YOUTH

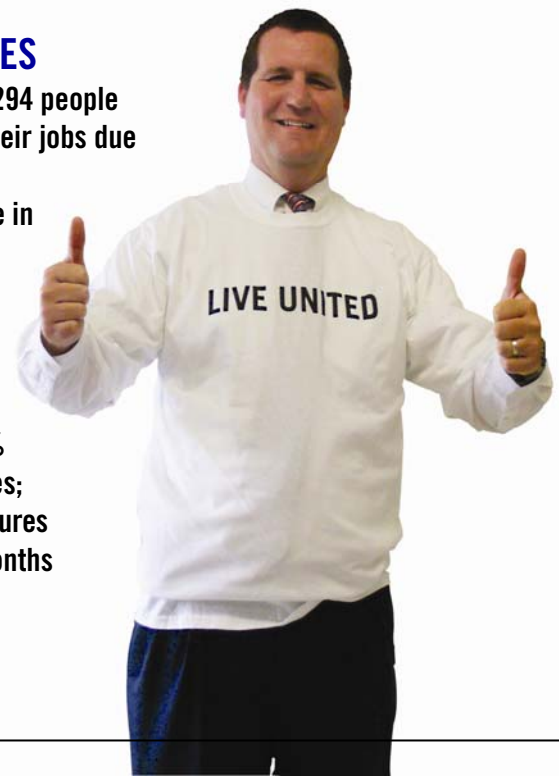
- There are 65 identified gangs with over 400 identified members; the youngest is 9 years old
- The 2007 teen pregnancy rate age 15-19 increased to 65.1% compared to the state rate of 63%
- There were 14 pregnancies in 2007 for Alamance County women aged 10-14
- 66.7% of Alamance-Burlington School System's ninth graders earn a diploma within 4 years
- 23.5% of Alamance County adults, aged 25 and over do not have a high school diploma

## SUPPORTING THE ELDERLY

- 70% of persons accessing housing assistance are seniors
- 15% of residents over 65, split pills to make medication last longer
- 104 senior households do not have complete plumbing
- Majority of retired seniors will fall into "the gap" of people who do not earn enough to pay for basic needs, but earn too much to qualify for benefits

## STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

- Since January 2006, 2,294 people were displaced from their jobs due to closings and layoffs
- The unemployment rate in Alamance County as of May 2009 was 12.2%, up from 8.5% in November 2008
- Since 1993, Alamance County has had a 660% increase in foreclosures; there were 250 foreclosures during the first four months of 2009



"My wife and I feel very fortunate to live Alamance County and raise our children here. We believe that with our good fortune we have a responsibility to help our community be the best it can be; this includes helping our neighbors in need.

— Chris Clemmons, 2010 Campaign Chair