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Over 1,300 Volunteers Participate in United Way's Day of Caring

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Community volunteers and leaders joined United Way of Escambia County's to kick off the 24th Annual Day of Caring (DOC) at Woodham Middle School on Friday. As Sue Straughn called their team names, Escambia Community Clinics, Community Drug and Alcohol Council, Armstrong and The Early Learning Coalition launched competitive cheers in attempts to win the Day of Caring Spirit challenge. After spirited cheers, talented dances enthusiastic chants, cheers erupted when The Early Learning Coalition was named winner of the Volunteer Team Spirit Award.

"This is our first year participating in United Way of Escambia's Day of Caring and we love that we can show off our team and competitive spirit while having some fun before we start our project," said Maryann Andrews from Escambia Community Clinics (ECC).

ECC employees joined more than 1,300 local volunteers who helped complete 89 projects at 58 agencies and schools in Escambia County. Together, Day of Caring volunteers donated an estimated 8,500 hours that provided local nonprofits and schools an estimated \$200,260 in free labor. In effect it would take an individual every hour of the day for almost an entire year to have the same impact that these caring volunteers had in the day. Donations of materials and supplies add thousands more to the effort.

The day of caring is made possible by a committed committee of volunteers led by Day of Caring Chair, Bill Maudlin. Like the dedicated volunteers he leads, Maudlin believes, "What we do today shapes who we are tomorrow. I want our community to grow and improve every day for everyone. Volunteering at United Way Day of Caring affords me the opportunity to enhance the quality of life for all and leave things better than I found them."

United Way is committed to creating positive community change. For more information on how to volunteer with United Way, please call Carlee Hoffmann at 850.434.3157 or email carlee@unitedwayescambia.org.

By living core values of serving the community with Integrity, Leadership, Inclusiveness, Volunteerism and Excellence (I LIVE), United Way of Escambia County is working to meet a mission of uniting our community and leveraging resources to improve lives.

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