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Colquitt County School District Raises Funds for United Way

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Each year Colquitt County School District employees organize fundraisers, set up payroll deductions, and bid on auction items to raise funds for the United Way of Colquitt County’s annual campaign. Each year they go big. This year they went even bigger raising \$87,265, which surpasses previous years’ totals.

During the annual campaign timeframe, each school and the district office coordinate various activities to raise funds and encourage staff to commit to giving a certain amount for the year. They also compete against each other for the bragging rights of who raised the most funds, which all support local non-profit agencies and activities through the United Way of Colquitt County. “We are so thankful for the support we receive from the employees and students,” stated Executive Director Caroline Horne. “The contribution and support they give are vital to the success of the United Way and many of our agencies.”

This year those bragging rights belong to the defending champs at Sunset Elementary School, who raised over \$15,000. Coming in close behind was Norman Park Elementary, while Okapilco Elementary and Colquitt County High School saw the most increase in giving over previous years. According to Jeff Horne, the district liaison for the United Way campaign, “It is amazing to see how much effort the employees and students put into their campaign activities each year. The impact of the funds raised will reach so far, and I am proud to be part of a team that does so much for others.”

For more information on the United Way of Colquitt County visit <https://uwccga.org/>.

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Dr. Fred Smith, Principal of C.A. Gray Junior High (left) and Cathy Nobles, C.A. Gray Counselor (right) participated in the United Way Live Auction on Facebook.



Staff and students at Okapilco held several hat days where individuals could pay to wear a hat to school and all of the proceeds went to the United Way.