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In case we missed each
other on Valentine's Day,

United Way of Brazoria County
would just like to say,

Dear UWBC Friend,

United Way of Brazoria County appreciates your partnership as we march determinedly into this year with a mission to fight for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in our community. Because you are on our side, we know we can address even the most impossible issues facing Brazoria County.

Together we fight. Together we win. Together we **#LIVEUNITED**.

Sincerely,

United Way of Brazoria County

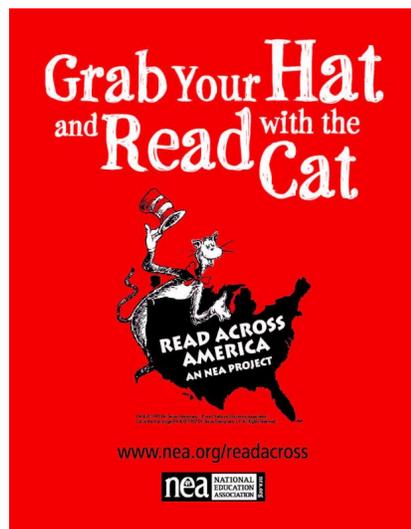
ELS Members Participate in *Morning Joe with the CEO: A Breakfast Q&A Panel*

We appreciate your support
each and every day.

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2017 READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY



March 2nd is coming up quickly, and UWBC will be celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday this year by hosting three Read Across America sites at the Head Start Schools in Alvin, Angleton, and Sweeny.

Volunteers will join us there to read to the students, play games, and draw pictures of their favorite Suessical pets.

UWBC will be celebrating 2017 Read Across America Day,

Thursday, March 2nd
8:45am- 10:15am

If you are interested in volunteering your time this Thursday at the Alvin or Sweeny Head Start Schools, or if you have any questions, please



The Emerging Leaders Society held its latest meetup at Panera Bread Company of Lake Jackson on Wednesday, February 22nd.

Morning Joe with the CEO was a huge success, bringing young professionals from many areas of business and industry in Brazoria County together with local leadership.

Our panel of leadership included **Jennifer Culverhouse**, owner of Urban Eve and BleuRoots Salons, and founder of the nonprofit, FreeRoots; **Zack Bell**, Director of Freeport Site Logistics for The Dow Chemical Company; **Dr. Millicent Valek**, President of Brazosport College; and **Shane Pirtle**, Commissioner, Position 1 (At Large). Together, this panel is an amazing representation of the leadership experience across industry, academia, civic engagement, and entrepreneurial philanthropy that is present in Brazoria County.

Thank you again to our panelists for volunteering their time to Emerging Leaders Society.



Save the date for the next ELS event: **April 20, 2017.**

Many more fun events just like this are planned for 2017 and beyond. Do you know someone who wants to be a part of a socially-conscious young professionals group? If you or someone you know is interested in joining Emerging Leaders Society and would like to know more, contact **Andrea Raiff @ araiff@uwbc.org**, visit the **ELS website**, or call our office at **979.849.9402**.

Want to stay connected to ELS events? Like ELS on Facebook!

MEET ARDRIENNE BRADBERRY



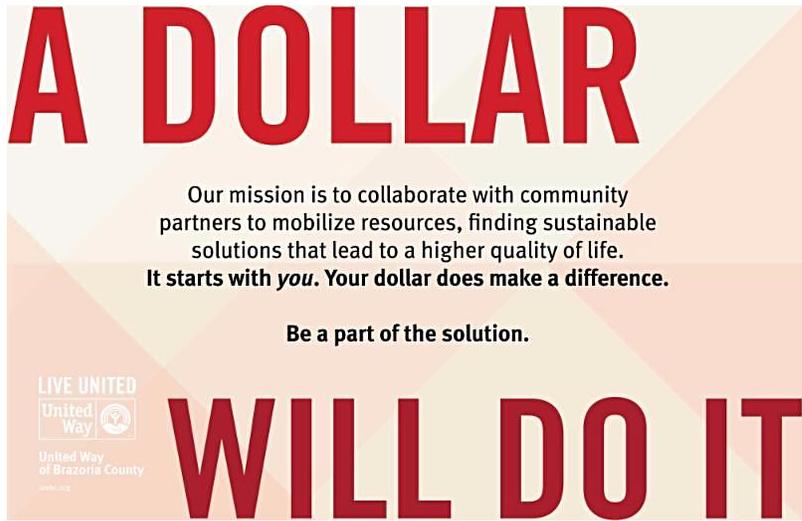
Please join us in welcoming Ardrienne Bradberry, our new Corporate Volunteer Manager for The Dow Chemical Company. Ardrienne has a strong passion for volunteerism that she is bringing into this position, and we are excited to see the impact that we know she will make in the community.

[Follow this link](#) to see Ardrienne's full bio on our website.

MEET DAVIS GILBERT



Dollar Will Do It Campaign



A DOLLAR

Our mission is to collaborate with community partners to mobilize resources, finding sustainable solutions that lead to a higher quality of life.
It starts with you. Your dollar does make a difference.

Be a part of the solution.

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Last fall, UWBC met with 3 of the 7 ISD Superintendents and their representatives at a lunch and learn to discuss UWBC-funded programs and services that work to create opportunities for children to excel. Five ISD Foundations also received \$10,000 each in Education Grants from United Way of Brazoria County.

At that time, we also rolled out our *Dollar Will Do It* campaign. This special workplace campaign is designed to highlight that any give makes a difference in our community. One dollar, each week for a year, can do so much in Brazoria County.

- \$1 = 2 hours of therapy for child who has been abused
- \$1 = 17 hot, healthy meals for homeless individuals
- \$1 = 12 kits of basic school supplies for students

Since the beginning of February, UWBC has been in contact with 66 campuses across 6 ISDs. There we have presenting to their faculty and staff and providing access to UWBC resources.

And so we ask you too, what will *your* dollar do?



WHAT CAN A DOLLAR DO?
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What will your dollar do?

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It is also our pleasure to introduce Davis Gilbert, Resource Development / Community Outreach Manager. Davis comes to us from HEB leadership, but he is no stranger to UWBC. We are thrilled to once again have his unique talents furthering the mission of United Way.

[Follow this link](#) to see Davis's full bio on our website.

CONGRATULATIONS ERIN



With Ardrienne joining us as the new CVM, you may have been wondering what happened to Erin Vander Werff. No worries, Erin is still with us, supporting Dow's culture of volunteerism as the new STEM & Solutions Volunteer Manager. Please help us to congratulate Erin on her new position with UWBC. We know you will continue to exemplify the importance of volunteerism in this new role.

[Follow this link](#) to see Erin's full bio on our website.

If you'd like to get involved in giving back or in brainstorming creative solutions for your next campaign, contact **Susan Cooman** at scooman@uwbc.org or call our office at **979.849.9402**.

A Call to Action in Holiday Lakes

Over spring break and summer, United Way of Brazoria County will be hosting multiple service groups for rebuilding projects in the Holiday Lakes area. These groups will continue the ongoing rebuilding projects after last June's flood.

UWBC is happy to say, that even though we have a long way to go, there is progress happening in the county.

Since home repairs began under the guidance of the *Brazoria County Long-Term Recovery Committee*, **\$70,000** has been spent on rebuilding projects in the community. This has meant the world for **14 families** who have been able to move back into their homes.

And we will do more, with your help.

We still need coaches, foremen, and hobbyists to guide projects. To lend your time, muscle, and expertise contact [Gloria Luna](mailto:gluna@uwbc.org) at gluna@uwbc.org, or call [979.849.9402](tel:979.849.9402).



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