

## Real People, Real Results: A Report to Heritage United Way Community Investors

### A day of volunteerism leads to years of partnership: Camp Allen's Story

*Heritage United Way's community partner agencies work together everyday to address the most critical issues facing thousands of infants, children, teens, adults and elderly individuals in our eighteen communities. Last year, your contributions to United Way enabled agencies, like Camp Allen, to give individuals with physical or developmental challenges the opportunity to forget about their limitations and enjoy recreational activities.*

A few years ago, a group from GE Aviation was introduced to Camp Allen on the annual United Way Day of Caring. The group was at Camp Allen to help the staff make cosmetic fixes to the camp expansive facilities. They went above and beyond what was asked of them by fixing items that weren't on their "fix-it list" and taking it upon themselves to buy more paint when they ran out. Since that day, the group from GE Aviation comes to Camp Allen two times a year to assist the camp staff with any projects they might have. Currently, they are working on taking down a dilapidated playground in the town and rebuilding it on the camp property so that campers will be able to safely use it.

Introduced to one another by Heritage United Way, GE Aviation and Camp Allen have formed a partnership that has given the campers an up-to-date and secure facility in which to enjoy their "vacation" and the staff from GE Aviation an opportunity to demonstrate the importance of community.

Thanks to you and your support of Heritage United Way, agencies, like Camp Allen, can continue to provide individuals with physical or developmental challenges the opportunity to go to summer camp.

**collaboration matters.** For more information on how Heritage United Way partners in your community every day, please visit our newly redesigned website- [www.heritageunitedway.org](http://www.heritageunitedway.org).