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PIKE COUNTY UNITED WAY

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Pictured are board members of the Hawley Lake Wallenpaupack Chamber of Commerce and the United Way of Pike County.

Seated Left to Right: Debbie Gillette, Dr. Lorraine Kloss, Lori Hopkins and Paige Corso

Standing Left to Right: Tom McColligan, Christie Kennedy Augustine, Bob Kiesendahl, Jim Shook, Kathy Hummel, John Gilpin, Vince Benedetto, Craig Ehrhardt, Tom Regenski and Mark Pappas



FEBRUARY FOOD DRIVE!

The **United Way of Pike County** and the **Hawley-Lake Wallenpaupack Chamber of Commerce** are collaborating in a joint effort. During the month of **February** the two agencies will host a "**February Food Drive**". All of the contributions will be donated to local area food pantries. In addition to canned foods, non-perishable food items and paper products, personal items such as: toothpaste, bath soap, shampoo and toiletries are also being encouraged. Please remember to check the expiration dates prior to donating.

"The economy is such a challenge right now and there are so many people are facing financial hardship. Many of our friends and neighbors are in need and having to make tough choices. Hunger is a huge problem and is not always visible. By joining the efforts of our organizations, we hope to be able to collect more food and help more people." said John Gilpin, Vice President of the United Way of Pike County and Pike County Treasurer.

You can help your friends and neighbors in need by **donating at any of the following locations in the Hawley area: The Hawley-Lake Wallenpaupack Chamber of Commerce**, Route 6, Hawley (located in the Lakeside Level of the Visitor Center on Route 6 in Hawley) or **Misc. Essentials A Kitchen Shop**, Route 6, Hawley (located in the IGA Shopping Center). In the Milford area: The United Way located at 105 W. George Street. To have large donations picked up, contact the United Way at (570) 296-9980.

We are looking for more drop-off sites! If you have a business in the area and are interested in being a collection site, please contact Debbie Gillette or Catherine Capasso at the numbers listed below.

Any business or individual who donates items or monetary contribution of \$100 or more will have the opportunity of receiving additional press, including a photo.

For more information about The Hawley-Lake Wallenpaupack Chamber you can contact Debbie Gillette, Executive Director at (570) 226-3191 or visit their web site: www.hawleywallenpaupackcc.com

For more information regarding the United Way of Pike County you can contact Catherine Capasso, Executive Director at 570-296-9980 or visit their web site at www.unitedwaypike.org, or call toll free 888-306-6963. For further information about any of the agencies providing services in Pike County can be found at www.PikePaHelp.org.

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