

## **2010 Results of Work in Education**

The agencies listed that work in Education are charged with helping children and youth achieve their potential through learning. The first building block of a good life is education. The work in the education programs is focused on helping children successfully graduate from high school ready to do one of the following:

- Go to work
- Enter a career technical program
- Go to college

United Way of Etowah County is reporting that 6,975 children received services last year from the Education Panel of agencies:

Our Education investment in the community has leveraged over \$1.5 million outside dollars back into Etowah County.

- 199 children have a role model in a Big Brother or Big Sister
  - Like the 10 year old boy who lived with his grandparents because his dad was in jail and his mother lost custody. His “Big brother” taught him to swim and arranged for swimming lessons through our YMCA.
- 690 children have a safe place to go after school for mentoring
  - Some of these children started a garden with the Master Gardeners and learned to make squash casserole with their produce!
- 175 pre-school children with handicaps received therapy that will better prepare them for life
  - Like the little boy who was born with no stomach muscles. UCP’s Hand-In-Hand taught him how to sit up on his own. What a miraculous achievement!
- Through the Success By 6 partnership with the Girlfriend Gala 1,291 children received books in their home every single month last year. Though Dolly Parton buys the books, your Success By 6 program has to pay to mail each book.

For all these children and the agencies involved in the Education work through their United Way dollars:

**Thank You for your investment in United Way!**