

Agency gives out millions in grants

■ The United Way divides \$7.3 million among more than 60 agencies that met or exceeded annual goals.

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GREENSBORO — Continued funding from the United Way of Greater Greensboro comes with a string attached: results. So when none of the clients in Family Service of the Piedmont's Domestic Violence Intervention Program abused again a year after completing the program, the cash-strapped agency knew it was on good footing with the United Way.



It's hard to give programs that are meeting their goals less money, says Keith Barsuhn, United Way president and chief executive.

executive officer, whose total agency funding was slightly more than \$1.1 million.

"That's a very, very challenging group of guys, and we haven't always achieved 100 percent, and we are happy for that. We think 90 percent is a more doable goal."

Sixty-six programs with similar success to Family Service will share in the \$7.3 million distributed by the United Way this year, including:

- Communities In Schools Success in Schools program, which got \$134,754. It works with disadvantaged youths and had a graduation rate of 100 percent. Twenty-five of its 28 students were admitted to colleges. Guilford County Schools' overall graduation rate is 79.9 percent.

- Salvation Army of Greensboro's Center of Hope Crisis Assistance Program, which got \$231,316. The group reported that midyear 2009-10, 98 percent of clients in the long-term housing program obtained and maintained permanent affordable housing for at least six months; that was higher than

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WHERE THE MONEY GOES

See a list of the disbursements at news-record.com.

THE FREEDOM TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS ...



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Jay Jay Eldridge, 21, eats barbecue with his sister, Jennifer Eldridge, at Stamey's in Greensboro. Eldridge is among a growing number of North Carolinians who openly carry firearms for protection and to exercise their rights.

IT'S A RIGHT SOME WANT TO PROTECT

■ Second Amendment advocates will openly carry guns at a rally next month in Greensboro.

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It's nothing for 21-year-old Jay Jay Eldridge to strap his .40-caliber handgun to his right hip, whether it's to go eat a barbecue plate at Stamey's or just stroll down the street.

But a resident in his High Point neighborhood didn't know that and recently called the police on him.

"You know, when the cops get a call that there's a guy walking around with a gun, a few of them show up," Eldridge said. "So, three cops show up. They just asked me questions — 'Are you 21?' and stuff like that.

WANT TO GO?

What: Restore the Constitution Rally

When: 1-4 p.m. Aug. 14

Where: Guilford Courthouse National Military Park, 2332 New Garden Road, Greensboro

More online: <http://muster814rtc.wordpress.com> or <http://opencarry.org>

"The first thing the cop said to me was, 'I know you're not doing anything wrong. I got a call, so I got to check you out.'"

Eldridge isn't out to hurt anyone. He openly carries a gun for

his own protection and because, well, it's lawful.

In North Carolina, state law does not prohibit carrying firearms in the open.

Dozens of "open carriers" like Eldridge are expected next month at the Restore the Constitution Rally at the Guilford Courthouse National Military Park to make people more aware of such gun laws.

Minding the adage of "use it or lose it," participants at the Aug. 14 event will display their loaded pistols and unloaded rifles to exercise their Second Amendment right to keep and

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Games ban set for vote in House

■ A House panel backs outlawing video sweepstakes; the Senate has adopted a bill.

By MARK BINKER
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RALEIGH — Video sweepstakes games that mimic gambling would be outlawed effective Dec. 1 under a bill that members of a House judiciary committee asked their colleagues to approve Tuesday.

The machines have popped up both in stand-alone businesses that heavily promote the gambling-like aspect of the games as well as gas stations, copy shops and the like. The voice vote by the Judiciary I Committee sends the ban to the House floor for a vote.

"This is a bad business, and we need to ban it in North Carolina," said Rep. Ray Rapp, a Mars Hill Democrat who has pushed for a ban.

A vote by the full House is expected today. That could send the measure to Gov. Bev Perdue, who has said she will sign the ban. House members will have only the choice of agreeing to the

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MORE ONLINE

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Guilford County awarded \$15,500 to target obesity

■ The Eat Smart, Move More grant will focus on 9- to 14-year-olds.

By JOE KILLIAN
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GREENSBORO — Guilford County is one of 20 county health departments to receive a two-year grant from the N.C. Division of Public Health.

The grant, connected to the statewide Eat Smart, Move More program, will help fund physical activity projects targeting children ages 9 to 14.

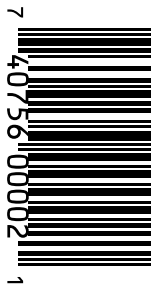
In the first year, the grant will provide \$1,100 for data collection. In the second year, it will provide \$14,400 to act on what is learned about the causes of adolescent obesity in the county.

"We are pleased to be selected to implement a project designed to promote healthy behaviors among our youth," said Merle Green, Guilford County's health director.

North Carolina is 14th in the nation for overweight and obese adolescents and 10th in the nation for adults.

The Eat Smart, Move More North Carolina program is trying to reverse the trend through

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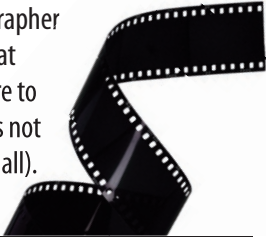
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Theater grew under his care

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Lawmakers vote on ethics

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U.S. targets Arizona law

The federal government says the border state's new law on illegal immigration is unconstitutional and undermines policy. **A6**