

United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley is halfway home.
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After eight weeks of the campaign, more than \$3.3 million, or about 49 percent, of the \$6.8 million goal has been pledged.

"We really would like to get as many campaigns finished, as many pledges in as we can before the holidays," said United Way President Scott D. Ferguson. "The closer to the holidays, the more distractions people have."

Ferguson announced Thursday the campaign is going "great" and he wants to "keep the momentum going."

Ferguson said the cash total puts the campaign approximately \$600,000 ahead of where it was at this time last year.

"There is a lot of enthusiasm in the area," he said. "Our people are working hard."

Although United Way wants the pledges as early as it can get them, some companies won't finish campaigns until January.

"We'll still take the money," Ferguson said smiling.

He said he doesn't believe the amount of money people plan to spend at Christmas affects the size of a United Way donation.

"For most, this money comes out of payroll deduction and doesn't begin getting taken out until next year. It's not like people have to write a check. This is a gift that lasts all year."

United Way funds 50 programs in 24 agencies.

It benefits people living in seven Georgia counties and one in Alabama. The Georgia counties are Harris, Muscogee, Talbot, Taylor, Chattahoochee, Marion and Stewart. The Alabama county is Russell.