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United Way of Henry County and Martinsville cordially invites community members to join us this Giving Tuesday, December 1, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., for our Holiday Gift Extravaganza: A silent auction benefit for our local Dolly Parton's Imagination Library**.** The event will be held at the West Piedmont Higher Education Center, located at 191 Fayette St., Martinsville.

Registered guests will enjoy an evening of live music and refreshments in a semi-formal/business casual atmosphere. A variety of themed holiday gifts will be available through a silent auction. Thanks to our event presenting sponsor, Renewal By Andersen, as well as supporting sponsors Bassett Furniture and Callie Hietala & Dr. Joe Keiper, all proceeds will directly benefit UWHCM's in-house Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL).

Although this event is free to attend, space is limited to the first 100 guests who RSVP. To reserve your spot, please email rebecca@unitedwayofhcm.org by Tuesday, November 17. Please include the first and last name of each guest in your party.

UWHCM is also seeking donations of holiday themed gift baskets or boxes to be offered in the silent auction for this event. Gift Entry Forms may be found on the event page on our website. Community members who are interested in volunteering for the event may register through www.EngageHCM.org.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has operated in Martinsville and Henry County since October 2014 under the care and direction of our MHC Partners for Children, formerly known as Smart Beginnings. DPIL fosters a love of reading by mailing each enrolled child a specially selected, age-appropriate book each month from birth until the age of 5. Any area child within that age range may enroll, regardless of income. As of November 4, 2026, there are 2,305 Martinsville-Henry County children enrolled and more than 8,000 graduates since the inception of the local DPIL affiliate. Thanks to the strong support from our community, nearly 30,000 books are delivered annually to homes across MHC. The cost to sponsor one child for the year is $31 Please visit our website with this link to learn more about DPIL sponsorships or to register your child: https://www.unitedwayofhcm.org/dolly-partons-imagination-library.

For more information on this event, please visit our website or contact Rebecca directly at 276-295-0245 or rebecca@unitedwayofhcm.org.

Event page: www.unitedwayofhcm.org/holiday-gift-extravaganza-2026

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