

United Way of Delaware County

# YOUNG PROFESSIONALS NETWORK

January/February 2012

## YPN MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Meet Chris Elliott, this month's YPN Spotlight Member. He works for Verizon Wireless in Delaware, where he's been employed with the company for 16 months as a retail sales representative and small business specialist. During the 2011 year, he led the district in total contract sales.

In the UWDC office, we joke that Chris is Susie Bibler's "Verizon Guy," (doesn't everybody have their own?), but the staff has come to realize the value of tapping into Chris' expertise.



*Chris Elliott, Verizon Wireless*

"Never hesitate to ask if there are Verizon solutions that could save you money. Many people don't have the time to look over their bills to see if they are overpaying in certain areas. Customers can always get in touch with me to see if not only their cell bill is unnecessarily too high, but perhaps Verizon home phone and Internet could save them money as well versus their current providers," Chris explains. "In addition to cell phones, Internet, and home phones, we sell tablets to help people be more productive with work and fit in at your local coffee shop with all the other iPad users."

Chris accepted Susie's invitation to join YPN, knowing that it's a great networking opportunity with others in the Delaware area. He's been to the Wildlights at the Columbus Zoo event, volunteered at the People In Need holiday clearinghouse and made a financial commitment during Verizon's United Way campaign.

## SUPPORT OUR 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL 5K!

### ***SPONSORS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED***

UWDC YPN is hosting its first annual 5K on Saturday, August 4. If you are interested in sponsoring this event, please contact Ryan Rivers at [ryan@riversinsgroup.com](mailto:ryan@riversinsgroup.com) or (614) 515-5236.

We also need volunteers to serve on the 5K event committee. There will be a few organizational meetings, with a need for help especially the day before and day of. Please contact Ryan or Ellen ([emrukowski@uwaydelaware.org](mailto:emrukowski@uwaydelaware.org)) if you want to be involved. Working together, let's make this event a successful fundraiser!



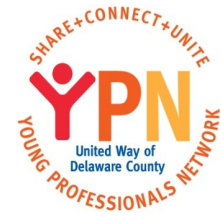
When asked why he'll keep coming back to YPN events, he responded "I think it's a great opportunity to meet people professionally and socially. I had a great time at my first event, so of course I'll be back for more."

Chris had a great answer for how he Lives United. "I have always tried my best to help others wherever I can. I have volunteered time and donated money to United Way of Delaware County. Recently, I've met a few great people who have helped me revisit myself and remember how important it is to help others in need in any way possible."

So glad you're engaged with YPN and UWDC, Chris. Thanks for LIVING UNITED!

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### TASTE OF DELAWARE

Thursday, February 23

5:30 - 9:30 pm

Various Delaware Locations

This event has been mentioned time and time again as a favorite among past activities, and we have expanded the locations. Vote for your favorite stop at the end of the night. More details forthcoming via email and Facebook.

## UPCOMING YPN EVENTS

**March (date TBD): A.M.s with YPN** - Social media presentation from Nancy Bohman, Bohman Marketing and Matt Hastings, Ohio Machine

**April (tentative): Clippers Game**

**June 9:** Social / Networking at Ohio Machine professional lacrosse game at Ohio Wesleyan's Selby stadium

**August 4:** 5K Fundraiser (Lewis Center)

## WILDLIGHTS at the Columbus Zoo & Aquarium

There was a great turnout for our December social/networking activity! Attendees enjoyed a dynamic guided tour of Asia Quest and interacted with a few "interesting" animal visitors (including the adorable hedgehog pictured below.) We really appreciate Jen Koslow's help in coordinating the event ... and are already talking about plans to repeat this outing in winter 2012. Can't wait!

