

# United Way nets \$93,605 grant

## Money to help area children who lack health insurance

### From staff reports

The Virginia Health Care Foundation recently awarded a \$93,605 grant to the United Way — Thomas Jefferson Area to help Albemarle and Charlottesville children get health insurance coverage.

The local United Way, along with Albemarle's Department of Social Services and other groups, is working to enroll uninsured children in the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security statewide program. The program helps families provide affordable health insurance to children.

FAMIS covers doctor visits, prescription drugs, tests, X-rays, hospital care, vision and dental care, eyeglasses and more.

There are no enrollment costs or monthly premiums. Some services require a co-payment that's usually no more than \$5. Preventative services such as regular checkups are free.

A family of four can earn up to



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**Dorothy Trotta, school nurse at Broadus Wood Elementary School, describes the high cost of emergency room care for children who lack health insurance during a news conference announcing the United Way — Thomas Jefferson Area's efforts to sign up eligible children for a virtually free, statewide insurance plan.**

\$44,100 and qualify.

The United Way — Thomas Jefferson Area is employing a part-time outreach worker at its offices to help families complete applications. Albemarle's Department of Social Services is employing a part-time worker stationed at the University of Virginia Medical Center to process applications.

The state estimates that as many as 1,750 children in the city of Charlottesville and Albemarle County lack health insurance, United Way officials said in a prepared statement.

For more information or application assistance, contact Jennifer Zadory, an outreach worker at the United Way, at 972-1706 or [jzadory@unitedwaytja.org](mailto:jzadory@unitedwaytja.org).