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United Way of Dutchess County Exceeds 2007 Campaign Goal

POUGHKEEPSIE, NY - United Way of Dutchess County announced yesterday that the 2007 Campaign has surpassed the goal of \$2,090,000 in local support for the Community Fund. Michael H. Graham, Chair of the 2007 Campaign, made the announcement that to date the local United Way of Dutchess County Campaign has raised \$2,147,362 for the Community Fund.

“This has been a simply splendid effort this year”, commented Mr. Graham. “We have so many organizations and individuals to thank for the gracious and generous support this year.”

Several hundred United Way supporters, volunteers and contributors heard the announcement during the organization’s 2007 Campaign Finale held yesterday at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel. United Way’s 2007 Campaign kicked off on September 7th and hoped to raise just over \$2 million locally for the 2007 Campaign.

United Way Board Chair Richard A. Mitchell, Esq. commented, “this United Way Campaign is a bit of an amazing phenomenon when you stop and think about. Millions of dollars are raised by caring individuals and organizations throughout our community, and this generosity is then channeled to an unbelievable array of programs and services. The impact made by our United Way is astounding.”

Many organizations were thanked at Wednesday’s event, including United Way’s Top Supporters. These organizations represent more than 55% of the total Community Fund Support for the year, and include IBM, Central Hudson Gas & Electric, Dutchess County Government, Health Quest, Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union, Indotronix International, Marist College, Marshall & Sterling, Poughkeepsie Journal and Saint Francis Hospital & Health Centers.

In addition, Outstanding Campaign Awards were presented to organizations which not only raised significant dollars for United Way of Dutchess County, but did so using a variety of creative ideas, group meetings, incentives and spirited support. Outstanding Campaign Award recipients included Arlington School District, The City of Poughkeepsie, The Astor Home for Children, Southeastern Container, The Chazen Companies, Macy’s, Alamo Ambulance, Compensation Risk Managers, Morris Associates, Wingate Healthcare and Clear Channel Radio of the Hudson Valley.

United Way of Dutchess County's Community Fund helps support a portfolio of programs, initiatives and partnerships which last year alone served over 50,000 people in Dutchess County. In addition, over 50,000 calls have been made to United Way's 2-1-1 call center from residents seeking help with health and human care needs throughout the region.

United Way's Community Fund works to create lasting and meaningful impact in Dutchess County by:

- Providing Basic Needs, such as emergency food and shelter, access to healthcare, utility assistance, domestic violence and child abuse services, and United Way's Hudson Valley Region 2-1-1 service.
- Promoting Financial Stability by helping working individuals and families become more financially stable and save for their futures.
- Preparing Young Children for Success through support for both young children and their parents in meeting developmental milestones in preparation for school.

United Way mobilizes community resources, and develops partnerships and initiatives to support services which address these critical community issues. United Way's funded programs and partnerships are also carefully measured for overall effectiveness in creating lasting and meaningful change in the community, and these efficiencies are then reported back to the generous community investors.

The mission at United Way of Dutchess County is to build a stronger, healthier community by raising resources and developing partnerships that make a measurable difference in people's lives. United Way's vision is to be the area's premier community-impact organization and a leader in advancing dialogue on Dutchess County's health and human care issues. Contributors recognize United Way as the best organization for their support because of the measurable results the organization has on the quality of life here in Dutchess County.

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