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UNITED WAY ANNOUNCES AWARD WINNERS AND FUNDED PROGRAMS

March 29, 2006 - Mocksville - Davie County. The Davie County United Way (DCUW) held its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, March 29, 2006. "We held this meeting to thank all the companies and individuals who contributed to the 2005-2006 Annual Campaign," said Mary Beth Forst, Executive Director of DCUW. "It was a perfect way to end our campaign and allocation process." Companies and individuals received recognition in 10 categories: Dine Out for Davie Awards, Leadership Circle members, the Davie County School Award, the Bronze, Silver and Gold Company awards, the Top Ten Companies, the Top New Company, the 2004 Company of the Year, the 2004 Campaign Volunteers of the Year and the Volunteer of the Year.

Dine Out Restaurants that were acknowledged included:

American Cafe-	Prime Sirloin
BoJangles	Pudding Ridge Golf Course
Buck's Pizza	Red Pig BBQ
Buffalo Rusty's	Savory Spoon Caterers Subway
Carciatti's Italian Restaurant	The Soda Shop
Cicciones Ristorante	Venezia Italian Family Restaurant
Deano's Barbecue	Wal-Mart Grill
Domino's Pizza	Wendy's
Dynasty Chinese Restaurant	Zeko's Village
Ketchie Creek Bakery	
Miller's Restaurant	

Leadership Circle members are a special group of people who donate \$1,000 or more to DCUW. The 2004-2005 Leadership Circle includes donors such as:

JMr. Otis Alexander	Mr. Gregory Colner
Mr. Vernon Barnes	Mrs. Walter R. Courtenay
Mr. Dan Barrett	Mr. Luis Davila
Mr. Charles Branch	Ms. Lynne Doss
Mr. Mike Brenner	Mr. Ken L. Dwiggin
Mr. Eric Brockman	Mr. John Dzierzewski
Ms. Lisa Brown	Mr. Michael Edens
Mr. Robert Carter	Mr. & Mrs. Ralph & Robin Fletcher
Mr. Charles Cloer	Mr. Jeffrey Frisby

Mr. Michael Fulton
Mr. Thomas Fultz
Ms. Mary C. Gamble
Mr. Martin Glasgo
Mr. Donald Green
Mr. Harry Hill
Mr. Ronald Hoth
Mr. Russell Howerton
Ms. Debra James
Mr. Jack Johnrow
Ms. Chantel King
Mr. Robert Kiser
Mr. Charles Kupsky
Mr. Donald Lamonds
Mr. Kenneth Lard
Mr. John M. Loffredo
Mr. Mark Madsen
C. Martin

Mr. Kenneth Miller
Mr. & Mrs. Jon & Ann Oneyear
Mr. Timothy W. Patterson
Mr. Michael Phelps
J. Radatovich
Mr. Stephen Rich
Mr. Stephen Showalter
Ms. Melinda Simmons
Mr. Danny Stroud
Mr. Stephen Tamok
Mr. Glenn Thornley
Mr. Shannon Tremblay
Mr. Kenneth Warise
Mr. Doug Weaver
Mr. David Wilcox
Mr. John Wininger
Ms. Vicky Zickmund

The Davie County School Award travels each year from school to school. Each year the school with the highest percent of increase over the previous year is given the right to hang this award in their school for one year. The 2005-2006 School Award was recaptured by Davie High School from North Davie Middle School.

The Bronze, Silver and Gold Company Awards were based on percent of increase with Bronze being companies that came close to maintaining the amount raised the previous year, Silver awards were given to companies who increased their previous giving level up to 25% and Gold awards were presented to companies whose increase in giving level was above 25%.

The Bronze companies were:

Wal-Mart Supercenter
Town of Mocksville
Kaydon Corporation
Sprint
Trim, Inc.
Baker Furniture
Bank of the Carolinas
Westside Chrysler Dodge Jeep
Martin Van Hoy

Comfort Bilt
Davie Dermatology
Rockaway Logistics
Gentle Machine Tool & Die
Davie Family YMCA
Boyles Furniture
SunTrust
Food Lion
Southern Family Markets

Silver Companies included:

Nationwide Insurance
Davie Discount Drug
The Phone Place
Yadkin Valley Telephone

Horn Oil Company
Ingersoll-Rand
Sara Lee Narrow Fabrics
Davie County Group Home

Duke Energy
R. J. Reynolds Foundation
Vulcan Materials
Dr. Paul Mighion
Dr. Kevin Armbrrecht
Murray Foundation
B&R Cleaning Service

Eaton Funeral Service
Bert Bradford Insurance
Don Bowles, CPA
Foster Drug
And.....
Shoaf Concrete

And.....

Davie County Government to include Department of Social Services and the Health Department.

Gold Companies, increasing by 25% or more were:

Davie Chiropractic Clinic
Lowe's Home Improvement
AutoZone
BB&T
Davie County Hospital
VF Jeanswear
Davie County Schools

Energy United
Fuller Architectural Zone
States Industries
Concrete Supply
Ben Franklin
Graham Funeral Service

The Top Ten companies were based on amount of money raised and include:

1. Ingersoll-Rand
2. Davie County Schools
3. Wal-Mart Supercenter
4. County of Davie
5. BB&T
6. Sara Lee Narrow Fabrics
7. Davie County Hospital
8. Baker Furniture
9. Duke Energy
10. States Industries

And the number one Company in Dollars Raised was...Ingersoll-Rand!

Top New Company was States Industries. Company of the Year was the D. C. Health Department & Home Health Hospice because of a combination of their percent of increase, total amount raised and excellent coordination of internal campaign to include kick-off speakers and employee incentives.

Several volunteers were also recognized as integral to the inner workings of both the campaign and United Way on a year-round basis. The **2005 Campaign Volunteers of the Year** recognized include:

- Janine Atkinson from Davie County Home Health & Hospice for her wonderful “Contender” Contest idea which was designed and successfully built payroll deduction within her company.
- Regina DuChemin and Eriki Elbert from Ingersoll-Rand for leading the internal committee that raised money through bracelet sales, bean bag bear sales, payroll deduction and more
- Cheryl Michelli from D.C. Hospital for her work on the D.C. Hospital/United Way cookbook.
- Sara Rhyne from Davie County Public Schools for her tireless efforts in coordinating the campaigns at 8 schools that resulted in the biggest increase that the schools have experienced in over five years!
- Tina Tonozzi for her enthusiasm for United Way that spilled over into all of her presentations. Also for her help in coordinating agency tours for a select group of employees to show them first-hand what United Way is doing in our community. This attitude brought forth an award-winning campaign

The United Way also recognized their **Volunteer of the Year** who is chosen because he/she is involved in several working committees and donates more than 40 hours of service. Linda Pate of Davie County Hospital was chosen for her work on the hospital’s campaign, her participation in Day of Caring and her valuable input on the Community Investment (formerly known as allocations) Committee.

The 2005-2006 Board of Directors was also recognized:

Brian Williams, President	Van Lankford
Don Bowles, Treasurer	Michelle Speas
Alan Hyland, Secretary	Louise Clement
Neal Smith, Allocations	Bob Corson
Beth Dirks, Marketing	Barry Bass
Bob Price, ByLaws	Harry Hill
Slayton Harpe, Nominations	Cathy Smith
Steve Tuch, Human Resource Committee	Lynne Doss

After the campaign is finished, the next step for DCUW is to grant money to agencies within the community who facilitate programs in one of three areas: Children & Youth; Health & Wellness; or

Crisis Intervention. This Community Investment Process, in which volunteers from the community help to determine what agencies will receive additional funding from DCUW over and above the designations they receive directly from donor gifts, was completed with a vote of the Board of Directors on March 27, 2006. Thanks to our generous community, DCUW has invested \$280,347 in 34 local programs and 3 direct impact programs. Campaign dollars not distributed to United Way partner agencies or invested in DCUW direct impact programs are used for one of three purposes: a reserve for uncollected pledges, pledges to non-profits other than DCUW's partner agencies, as specifically earmarked by donors and funding for DCUW's administrative budget.

2006 Funded Programs for Davie County include:

Program Name	Program Description	Facilitated by:
Disaster Program Armed Forces Emergency Services program (AFES)	Provides financial help for immediate needs to victims of disasters such as home fires. Provides members of the Armed Forces and their families with means to locate and communicate with each other. The program may provide emergency loans to military to aid in transportation to and from base.	American Red Cross
Health & Safety Services][`	Provides training in CPR, Professional Rescuer, First Aid, Babysitting and Water Training Skills. Classes may be offered at companies within the community or at the American Red Cross Office.	American Red Cross
Sentencing Services	Assists the judicial system and offenders in imposing sentences that make the most effective use of community and correctional resources. This assistance includes the performance of an intensive intake and assessment of the offender to determine the level of risk to the community and the offender's needs. It also includes the "Survival Skills for Women" program where staff members facilitate group sessions with female inmates in the county jail. Sessions cover self-advocacy, substance abuse education. Legal responsibilities, coping with children, managing anger, community resources, money management, re-entry/employment training and more.	Appropriate Punishment Options
Youth Incentive Program	Provides a competency based life skills program for youth, ages 13-19 that focuses on Respecting Myself and Others. This program is designed to steer at-risk youth toward productivity rather than destructivity.	Appropriate Punishment Options
Arc Social Program	Provides opportunities during the year for persons with developmental disabilities to socialize with his/her peers.	The Arc of Davie
Arc Summer Camp	Provides a safe and fun day camp for persons with developmental disabilities including transportation to and from camp, recreational activities, swimming, crafts, entertainment, morning snacks and lunch.	The Arc of Davie
Arc Special Assistance	Provides financial assistance for basic necessities such as groceries, clothing, medical expenses, medications and fuel oil to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.	The Arc of Davie

Arc Education Support	Provides financial assistance to the Special Education classes in the Davie County school system through the purchase of supplies and the supplement of field trip and class party costs. Aid is also given to New Horizons Enterprises, a local workshop for clients with developmental disabilities.	The Arc of Davie
Arc Christmas Program	Provides gifts and Christmas oriented activities for individuals with developmental disabilities.	The Arc of Davie
Mentoring Program	Matches children with mentors who meet once per week for a minimum of one year.	Big Brothers Big Sisters Services
Big Buddies After-school Program	Matches children with Buddy Mentors who meet each week at one of five after-school locations.	
Lunch Buddies	Matches children with a Lunch Buddy that meets twice each month during the child's lunch period at school.	
Boy Scouting	Provides traditional objectives in youth education such as character building, citizenship training, self-reliance, outdoor adventure, patriotism and respect for others.	Boy Scouts of America
Cancer Patient Services	Provides cancer patients with patient education and support programs; financial assistance for cancer medications and cancer specific needs; home health supplies and equipment loan; peer visitation and support; patient advocacy during any stage of cancer.	Cancer Services, Inc.
Cancer Education Programs	Provides community education programs that address risk and prevention factors for a variety of cancers as well as education and encouragement of early detection and treatment options.	
Children's Center	Provides a day school for orthopedic and other health impaired children from birth to 11 years old.	Children's Center for the Physically Disabled
Financial Management/Debt Counseling	Helps consumers make the best use of their available economic resources through personal money management and budgeting. Provides financially overextended families an alternative to consumer debt delinquency and/or bankruptcy.	Consumer Credit Counseling Services, Inc.
4-H Summer Fun	Provides a series of life skill activities during the summer in multiple formats such as half day, all day, multiple days or a week long day camp.	Davie County 4-H
4-H Camp	Provides a week long sleep-away camp to youth ages 8 – 12 and limited spaces for 13 & 14 year old youth.	Davie County 4-H
School Age Child Care	Delivers 4-H curriculum that accents developmentally appropriate, active, life-skills programs to participants at the seven YMCA After-School sites.	Davie County 4-H
4-H Club Program	Provides opportunities for adults and children to participate in 4-H clubs that meet monthly in the community and take part in county, district and state opportunities.	Davie County 4-H

School Enrichment	Provides University based, competency correlated curriculum, training and supplies to school teachers.	Davie County 4-H
Davie County Group Home	Provides food for the residents of the Davie County Group Home. Residents share in the responsibilities of cooking the food as a way of learning important life skills. Also provides for special birthday parties and dinner out once a week to learn important social skills while in a public forum.	Davie County Group Home
Court Advocacy	Provides advocacy services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.	Davie Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis Center
Before/After School Child Care & Summer Camp	Provides a safe, affordable and convenient school aged child care program for working parents.	Davie Family YMCA
Water Safety Education	Provides education to 2 nd grade students on basic water safety, boating safety, personal safety and swimming	Davie Family YMCA
Davie County Reads – Adult Literacy Program	Recruits and trains adult volunteers to become tutors to work with adults 16 years and older on their reading and writing skills.	Davie Family YMCA
Emergency Relief Fund	Provides interim financial assistance for basic needs such as utility services, medicines and travel aid to stranded persons.	Department of Social Services
Children and Family Counseling	Provides face-to-face counseling sessions to individuals, couples and families including a marriage and family workshop.	Family Services
Girl Scouting	Inspires girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism and service so they become happy and resourceful citizens.	Girl Scouts
Nursing Care to Terminal Patients	Provides symptom management to enable terminally ill patients to live to the fullest until death. Provides support to families while they accept the death of their loved one.	Hospice of Davie County
Bereavement Support	Provides support to families after the death of their loved one for up to one year.	Hospice of Davie County
Outpatient Drug Treatment Program	Provides screening, assessment, referral and information to individuals suffering from substance abuse in an effort to establish and maintain abstinence.	Partnership for a Drug Free North Carolina
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	To provide a high quality volunteer experience for persons 55 years of age or older as they engage in humanitarian pursuits that effect measurable improvements in community life of Davie County.	RSVP
Imagination Library	Provides one quality book each month that is age appropriate book to enrolled children from birth to five years old.	Smart Start of Davie County
Emergency Assistance	Provides financial aid for a number of basic necessities such as rent and utility bills; medicine; food purchases; emergency lodging; home repairs; insurance; car payments and telephone bills.	The Salvation Army

Along with these funded programs, DCUW facilitates three direct impact programs: Day of Caring, United Way Call 2-1-1 and Home Loss Prevention (HeLP).

Day of Caring will be held on September 11, 2006 when companies and individuals will come together to complete projects that benefit people and nonprofit organizations within the community. In 2005, DCUW recruited 217 volunteers who completed nearly 50 service projects such as building wheel chair ramps, visiting shut-ins, painting porches, cleaning out gutters and more.

United Way Call 211 Services provides access to a sixteen-county comprehensive information and referral service that is free, confidential and available 24 hours a day, seven -days a week. The three digit access number gives callers quick linkage to get help or give help in the same way that 411 and 911 are universally recognized. Call United Way 211 also helps citizens find volunteer opportunities. In 2005, DCUW was able to provide information or referrals to over 300 callers through direct calls to our local office or to Call 211.

The Home Loss Prevention program began in November of 2003. This partnership with the Department of Social Service provides Davie County residents mortgage relief during times of temporary need due to emergency situations such as medical problems, recent unemployment, or natural disaster. In 2005, collaboration with Consumer Credit Counseling Services Inc was included to aid recipients even further in the area of budgeting and credit issues. Because of the qualification criteria, this program is designed to encourage and facilitate recipients to return to self-sufficiency. Davie County United Way has saved 20 families from loosing their homes in 2005 alone.

The mission of the Davie County United Way is to unite the voluntary strength of our community to care for one another. This is achieved through direct programs facilitated by DCUW and the funding of 34 programs facilitated by nonprofit agencies in Davie County. DCUW funded programs focus on three impact areas: Children and Youth, Health and Wellness and Crisis Intervention. For more information contact the DCUW office at 751-0313 or visit www.davieunitedway.org.

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