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United Way Approves Funding of \$3.25 Million for Local Programs

(Vestal, NY) — United Way of Broome County’s Board of Directors has approved the distribution of \$3,254,991, which will support programs at Broome County charities to assist residents of our community. This money was raised locally during the 2008 United Way campaign. Most of the funds, \$2,825,680, go to health and human services programs at United Way’s 29 local partner agencies. Also included are venture and special assistance grants, funds for United Way’s five direct service programs, and donor-designated funds to non-member agencies. The board approved the distribution of funds at its regular monthly meeting yesterday.

“Thanks to the generosity of our community, we are able to provide funding for 83 local programs in five different areas of community service,” said Ann McNichols, United Way’s President. “Without hard-working volunteers and a Broome County community generous to its neighbors, none of this would have been possible.”

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About 100 United Way volunteers help approve and distribute funding among the organizations. Allocation recommendations must pass through four volunteer review levels: Allocations Panels, the Allocation Steering Committee, the Community Services Division, and the Board of Directors. Funding is based on an analysis of each organization's budget, financial accountability, service and management effectiveness, and ability to meet community needs. In addition, each program is evaluated as to how well it matches United Way's funding priorities.

United Way will provide funds to specific programs at the following agencies: ACCORD, a Center for Dispute Resolution; Action for Older Persons, Inc.; American Civic Association, Inc.; American Red Cross, Southern Tier Chapter; Boy Scouts of America, Baden-Powell Council, Inc.; Boys and Girls Clubs of Binghamton, Inc.; Boys and Girls Club of Western Broome, Inc.—Family Center; Broome County Catholic Youth Organization; Broome County Urban League, Inc; Broome County YMCA; Catholic Social Services of Broome County; Crime Victims Assistance Center, Inc.; Day Nursery Association; Deposit Foundation and Rural Housing Services, Inc.; Family and Children's Society of Broome County, Inc.; Girl Scouts, Indian Hills Council, Inc.; Handicapped Children's Association of Southern New York, Inc.; Jewish Community Center of Binghamton; Johnson City Senior Center, Inc.; Legal Aid for Broome and Chenango, Inc.; Literacy Volunteers of Broome/Tioga, Inc.; Mental Health Association of the Southern Tier, Inc.; National Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society, Upstate New York Chapter; Planned Parenthood of South Central New York, Inc.; Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP); The Salvation Army; SOS Shelter, Inc.; Wilson Children's Center, and YWCA of Binghamton/Broome County.

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“Using limited resources to reach as much of the community as possible takes creativity, dedication, and hard work,” said McNichols. “Both the volunteers and the agencies make an invaluable contribution to the quality of life in our county.”

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