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United Way Distributes More Than \$3.4 Million in Campaign Funds to Local Programs

(Vestal, NY) — United Way of Broome County’s Board of Directors has approved the distribution of \$3,475,654, which will go predominately to programs at Broome County charities. This money was raised locally during the 2006 United Way campaign. Most of the funds, \$3,019,695, go to health and human services programs at United Ways 30 local member 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 member agencies were informed at a meeting held this afternoon as to the amounts each one will receive.

“Thanks to our community, we are able to provide funding to 92 local programs in five different areas of community service at United Way member agencies,” said Mary Ann Wilcox, United Way’s Community Services Division Chair. “Without hard-working volunteers and a Broome County community generous to its neighbors, none of this would have been possible.”

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United Way provides funds to specific programs at member agencies. This helps direct funding to priority needs and prevents duplication of services in the Broome County community.

United Way member agencies receiving allocations are: 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; Broome-Tioga Association for Retarded Citizens; 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. [A complete list of specific amounts awarded each program is attached.]

Another member agency, Arthritis Foundation (Binghamton Chapter--Broome County Branch), requested no allocation this year and will be withdrawing as a United Way member agency at the end of the year because of a change of direction by its parent organization.

A new member agency, the Wilson Children's Center located in Deposit, is receiving an allocation for the first time this year.

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.

In addition to the regular allocations to member agencies, United Way and the Howland Foundation have agreed to provide \$59,400 in new Venture and Special Assistance Grant funds in 2007 to 14 new and innovative human service programs in Broome County and special one-time projects that cannot be covered by an organization's normal budget.

The Venture and Special Assistance Grants for 2007 go to: ACCORD, a Center for Dispute Resolution, Inc.; Boy Scouts of America, Baden-Powell Council; Broome County Urban League; Broome County YMCA, West Family Branch; Broome-Tioga ARC; Catholic Youth Organization; Day Nursery Association; Discovery Center of the Southern Tier; Family Enrichment Network, Inc.; Foundation of the State University of New York at Binghamton, Inc.; Girl Scouts, Indian Hills Council; Lourdes Youth Services; Opportunities for Broome, Inc.; and Volunteers of America of Western New York, Inc. [The specific amount awarded each agency together with a description of the projects funded was announced in October 2006.]

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In summary, United Way will distribute \$3,019,695 to its member agencies through its allocations program, **\$226,300** to its direct service programs, plus \$59,400 in new venture grants (some of which will go to its member agencies), and **\$170,259** in donor designated funds to non-member agencies for a total of **\$3,475,654**. This is about **86.4** percent of the funds raised in the 2006 Annual Campaign [fund drive]. (United Way anticipates that **3.0%** of the amount pledged in the Campaign will not be collected because of deaths, people moving out of the area, etc.) Thanks to hundreds of committed volunteers, the United Way is able to keep its operating costs at about 14.1 percent compared to the 40 percent accepted by the National Charities Information Bureau.

“Using limited resources to reach as much of the community as possible takes creativity, dedication, and hard work,” said Gina S. Denniston, United Way of Broome County president. “Both the volunteers and the agencies make an invaluable contribution to the quality of life in our county.”

(Four pages of charts are part of this news release.)

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UNITED WAY OF BROOME COUNTY ALLOCATIONS FOR 2007

<i>Programs Funded by Areas of Service</i>	<i>Allocation for 2007</i>
Assisting Older Adults	
Community Services - <i>Johnson City Senior Citizens Center</i>	\$17,907
Elder Counseling - <i>Family and Children's Society</i>	\$30,944
Health and Wellness - <i>Johnson City Senior Citizens Center</i>	\$4,038
Health Insurance Counseling (HIICAP) - <i>Action for Older Persons</i>	\$33,299
Protection of Adults - <i>Action for Older Persons</i>	\$8,434
Public Education/Elder Planning - <i>Action for Older Persons</i>	\$50,975
Recreation and Education - <i>Johnson City Senior Citizens Center</i>	\$3,674
Senior Activities - <i>Boys and Girls Club of Western Broome</i>	\$5,649
Senior Companion - <i>Deposit Foundation</i>	\$2,317
Transportation - <i>Retired and Senior Volunteer Program</i>	\$17,002
Volunteer Services - <i>Retired and Senior Volunteer Program</i>	\$25,437
Volunteer Transportation - <i>Deposit Foundation</i>	\$8,487
Total	\$208,163
Promoting Health and Wellness	
Bringing Equal Access to Residents (BEAR) - <i>Mental Health Association</i>	\$9,948
Chemical Dependency Prevention Services - <i>Mental Health Association</i>	\$20,276
Community Education - <i>SOS Shelter</i>	\$9,500
Community Services - <i>Planned Parenthood</i>	\$29,500
Counseling and Support - <i>National Multiple Sclerosis Society</i>	\$14,166
Diagnosis/Assessment/Treatment - <i>Handicapped Children's Association</i>	\$69,254
EncorePlus Breast Cancer Prevention/Education/Advocacy - <i>YWCA</i>	\$9,901
Fitness - <i>YWCA</i>	\$44,103
Health and Physical Education - <i>Jewish Community Center</i>	\$10,382
Health Programs - <i>American Red Cross</i>	\$38,022
Information and Referral/Education/Advocacy - <i>Mental Health Association</i>	\$37,294
Physical Education and Health - <i>Boys and Girls Club of Western Broome</i>	\$60,398
Self Help (SHIP) - <i>Mental Health Association</i>	\$3,938
Total	\$356,682

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Helping Young People Succeed

Athletic Recreation - <i>Catholic Youth Organization</i>	\$19,195
At-Risk Youth - <i>Boy Scouts</i>	\$46,527
Camp Sertoma - <i>Boys and Girls Club of Binghamton</i>	\$42,011
Campership Funds - <i>Boy Scouts</i>	\$2,900
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Campership Funds - <i>Girl Scouts</i>	\$2,900
Campership Funds - <i>Salvation Army</i>	\$3,000
Campership Funds - <i>YMCA</i>	\$1,542
Carlisle Unit - <i>Boys and Girls Club of Binghamton</i>	\$5,769
Child Abuse Prevention - <i>Boy Scouts</i>	\$8,501
Cultural/Social Leader - <i>Catholic Youth Organization</i>	\$1,106
Day Camp - <i>Jewish Community Center</i>	\$10,076
Day Camp - <i>YMCA</i>	\$4,698
Educational, Cultural, Social - <i>Boys and Girls Club of Western Broome</i>	\$40,342
Main Unit - <i>Boys and Girls Club of Binghamton</i>	\$171,628
Membership and Program - <i>Girl Scouts</i>	\$14,502
Mental Health Players/Peacetown Puppets - <i>Mental Health Association</i>	\$16,669
Outreach - <i>Girl Scouts</i>	\$37,360
Resident Camp - <i>Girl Scouts</i>	\$74,012
Saratoga Unit - <i>Boys and Girls Club of Binghamton</i>	\$12,537
School Programs - <i>Family and Children's Society</i>	\$41,523
Social Development of Youth - <i>YMCA</i>	\$159,307
Teen Program - <i>Boys and Girls Club of Binghamton</i>	\$32,720
Transitional Living - <i>YWCA</i>	\$23,534
Voices for Children/Court Appointed Special Advocate – <i>ACCORD</i>	\$11,206
Youth and Adult - <i>Salvation Army</i>	\$45,998
Youth and Families - <i>Boy Scouts</i>	\$88,934
Youth Center – <i>Broome County Urban League</i>	\$60,608
Youth Development - <i>Boys and Girls Club of Western Broome</i>	\$69,929
Youth Programs - <i>Jewish Community Center</i>	\$9,810
Total	\$1,064,844

Strengthening Families

Basic Reading - <i>Literacy Volunteers</i>	\$8,277
Casework and Technical - <i>American Civic Association</i>	\$26,600
Child Care - <i>Boys and Girls Club of Western Broome</i>	\$61,459
Child Care – <i>Wilson Children’s Center</i>	\$11,000
Child Care - <i>YMCA</i>	\$28,639
Child Care (Young Wonders) - <i>YWCA</i>	\$35,495
Community Education and Family Programs - <i>Boys and Girls Club of Western Broome</i>	\$9,590
Community Programs – <i>American Red Cross</i>	\$82,380
Counseling - <i>Catholic Social Services</i>	\$182,008
Counseling - <i>Family and Children's Society</i>	\$138,888
Early Childhood Center - <i>Jewish Community Center</i>	\$42,329
Education - <i>Crime Victims Assistance Center</i>	\$17,863
English as a Second Language - <i>Literacy Volunteers</i>	\$5,629
Functional Family Therapy - <i>Catholic Youth Organization</i>	\$18,991
Moeller Street Site - <i>Day Nursery Association</i>	\$47,142
Parent Aid - <i>Family and Children's Society</i>	\$17,133
Pregnancy, Parenting, and Adoptions - <i>Catholic Social Services</i>	\$51,378
Recreation/Respite - <i>Association for Retarded Citizens</i>	\$9,000
Saratoga Site - <i>Day Nursery Association</i>	\$72,158
Stuyvesant Street Site - <i>Day Nursery Association</i>	\$40,461
Summer Program - <i>Association for Retarded Citizens</i>	<u>\$17,550</u>
Total	\$923,970

Responding to Emergencies, Fighting Hunger and Homelessness

Adult Housing - YWCA	\$12,801
Assistance and Referral Program- <i>Deposit Foundation</i>	\$2,613
Center for Help - <i>Broome County Urban League</i>	\$29,732
Crisis Service - <i>Mental Health Association</i>	\$26,688
Emergency Assistance - <i>Catholic Social Services</i>	\$29,260
Emergency Assistance - <i>Salvation Army</i>	\$52,565
Emergency Housing - YWCA	\$16,883
Emergency Programs – <i>American Red Cross</i>	\$117,234
Homeless and Low-Cost Housing - YMCA	\$7,801
Intensive Independent Living – YWCA	\$8,791
Legal Services - <i>Legal Aid</i>	\$20,367
National Emergency Programs – <i>American Red Cross</i>	\$79,212
Non-Residential Services- <i>SOS Shelter</i>	\$12,089
Refugee Program - <i>American Civic Association</i>	\$5,400
Residential Services - <i>SOS Shelter</i>	\$43,000
Service Units - <i>Salvation Army</i>	<u>\$1,600</u>
Total	\$466,036

TOTAL ALLOCATION FOR THESE FIVE AREAS OF SERVICE **\$3,019,695**

The programs in the following area of community service are funded by distributions from United Way’s operating budget, grants, and donor designations, rather than by the allocations procedure used to determine funding of programs at United Way’s member agencies.

Building a Stronger Community

Allocations and Agency Relations	\$83,700
Community Planning (Community Coalitions)	\$28,400
Donor Choice	\$170,259
First Call for Help	\$59,700
Teaming for Technology	\$32,000
Volunteer Action Center and Day of Caring	\$22,500
Venture and Special Assistance Grants	<u>\$59,400</u>
Total	\$455,959

TOTAL DISTRIBUTION TO ALL SIX AREAS OF SERVICE **\$3,475,654**