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United Way's Community Investment Process Invests \$1.725 million in Indian River County

Vero Beach, FL: United Way of Indian River County today announced that \$1,725,566 will be invested in 41 community programs as a result of the 2009/2010 Community Investment Process. Each year volunteers from the community meet in April and May to decide how to invest the resources raised during the United Way's annual campaign. Three new programs were funded this year including a program that mentors children of prisoners, another that helps retrain unemployed workers, and a program that develops life skills for teens. Many programs received level funding based on last year's allocations, with only a few increases going to those programs that provide basic service: food, shelter, utility and rental assistance.

"There is no doubt that many families are still struggling, reports continue to come in from people looking for help to meet the most basic of needs. Our volunteers felt it was necessary to respond to those needs," stated CEO Michael Kint. United Way of Indian River County relies on the dedication and commitment of a diverse group of volunteers to make these important funding decisions. The 120 community volunteers who took part in this year's Citizen's Review process spent several weeks examining program budgets, and looked carefully at management and board involvement of the agencies requesting funds. They also paid close attention to community support, collaboration with other agencies, outreach and even more importantly how they are making a measurable difference in the lives of the people they serve, and how they are reporting the results.

"This is probably the hardest, and yet most rewarding work done by United Way volunteers," said Randy Riley, United Way Community Investment Chair. "These volunteers

take their responsibility to heart. It takes hours to carefully examine and personally visit each program. This is where the real accountability is, from these people taking the time to examine in detail how these programs are affecting people in our area.”

(See below for detailed list of allocations.)

Agency/Program	Allocation
2-1-1 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast	58,000.00
Amer. Red Cross - Emergency Services	35,000.00
ARC - Supportive Employment Program	40,000.00
ARC - Behavior Analysis	30,000.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters - Site Based Reading Mentoring	10,000.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters - Children of Promise NEW	5,000.00
Boy Scouts	17,500.00
Boys & Girls Club - CLUBS	130,000.00
Catholic Charities - Samaritan Center	66,000.00
Children's Home Society - Cins/Fins	32,000.00
CHS - Transitional Living Program	25,000.00
CHS - Heart Gallery Adoption/Recruitment	1,000.00
Dasie Hope Center	60,500.00
DATA - Hayslip Ctr. Residential Treatment	36,200.00
DATA - Outpatient Services	12,300.00
Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services of the TC	18,000.00
Economic Opportunities Council - REACH Program - NEW	12,500.00
Exchange Club CASTLE - High Hopes	21,000.00
Exchange Club CASTLE - Safe Families	92,000.00
Exchange Club CASTLE - Valued Visits	31,300.00
Girl Scouts	7,000.00
GYAC - After School Ed. Program	37,000.00

Hibiscus Children's Ctr. - Families in Crisis	7,500.00
Homeless Family Center	47,000.00
Literacy Services of Indian River Co.	20,000.00
Mental Health Assoc. - Walk-In Center	80,000.00
SafeSpace - Domestic Violence Services	70,000.00
Senior Resource Assoc. - Adult Day Care	50,000.00
Senior Resource Assoc. - Meals on Wheels	50,000.00
Substance Awareness Council - LifeSkills Training -- NEW	10,000.00
TC Food Bank - Emergency Food Distribution	54,000.00
Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council - Homeless Resource Center	30,000.00
USO	5,500.00
Youth Guidance	60,000.00
Traditional Funding	1,261,300.00
CRIR - Children in Centers	195,000.00
CRIR - Psychological Services	4,000.00
Early Learning Coalition	51,000.00
IRC Health Dept. - Dental Progam 0 to 6	42,500.00
Healthy Start Coalition- TLC Newborn Program	40,000.00
Healthy Start - Partners in Pregnancy & Parenting	10,000.00
RCMA - Child Care	32,000.00
Success By 6 Funding	374,500.00
