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PRESS RELEASE

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UNITED WAY SURPASSES GOAL FOR SECOND YEAR IN A ROW

April 23, 2008 - Mocksville - Davie County. The Davie County United Way (DCUW) announces that it has surpassed its goal of \$550,000! "In the face of economic hardship, Davie County residents rallied this year in remembering those who have been less fortunate. This is the sign of a true community of neighbors--people who truly care for and about each other," stated Campaign Chair, Kathryn Doby.

"It's exciting to be able to announce this kind of achievement two years in a row!" continued Executive Director, Mary Beth Forst. Reaching this goal has allowed Davie County United Way to increase the assistance provided through its direct programs. This means more people will find the help they need through Call 211 Services. More families will be saved from foreclosure or eviction through the Home Loss Prevention (HeLP) program. More individuals will receive housing repair assistance through Day of Caring and Housing Repair Assistance Coalition. Moreover, investment in the programs provided by United Way Partner Agencies increased by more than \$10,000 over last year.

Programs funded by DCUW must show measurable results that impact the Davie County community in the areas of Health and Wellness, Crisis Intervention and Children & Youth. The following programs have received a Health and Wellness Grant: Health & Safety Services through American Red Cross; Patient Services & Education from Cancer Services, Inc.; Life Skills Preparation in the Davie County Group Home; the Homemaker Program provided by Davie County Home Health; the Senior Program at Farmington Community Center and Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

Programs receiving a Children & Youth Grant include: Mentoring Programs from Big Brothers Big Sisters Services, Inc.; Outpatient Mental Health Services offered by Bowman Gray Child Guidance; Scouting Programs provided by Boy Scouts of America, Old North State Council and Girl Scouts, Tarheel Triad Council; 4-H Clubs, Activities, Camp, Summer Fun and School Enrichment through the Davie Cooperative Extension; Imagination Library made available by Smart Start of Davie County;

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Car Seat Replacement and Education programs offered by the Health & EMS Departments through Buckle-Up Davie; and a Teen Gathering Place at Farmington Community Center.

Crisis Intervention Grants were distributed to: Emergency Services provided by the American Red Cross; Debt Management through Consumer Credit Counseling Services, Inc.; Victim Support provided by Davie Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis Center; Emergency Assistance through The Salvation Army; Sentencing Services provided by Appropriate Placement Options; and adult literacy and ESL through the Davie Family YMCA.

Some programs cover more than one impact area. The following programs qualified for a grant under multiple impact areas: After School & Water Safety Programs from the Davie Family YMCA make a difference in the areas of Children and Youth as well as Health and Wellness. Additionally, the Child & Family Counseling received through Family Services Inc. also addresses both of these impact areas.

The mission of the Davie County United Way is to advance the common good of Davie County by uniting the resources of the community to identify and address the most pressing human needs. This is achieved through direct programs facilitated by DCUW such as Call 211 Services, Home Loss Prevention Program and Day of Caring. DCUW also provides grants to partner agencies for programs that focus on one or more of 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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Attachment: Goal Thermometer Picture
Caption: United Way Surpasses Goal!