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6th Annual United Way Day of Caring Successful

May 3, 2008, Davie County, NC - Fifty-one projects were completed by volunteers as part of Davie County United Way's 6th Annual Day of Caring. Projects ranged from visitations and cleaning to gardening, painting and building. A total of 66 projects were submitted for this year's Day of Caring. United Way will continue to recruit volunteers to complete the outstanding 15 projects.

"This was a record year for project submission," stated Day of Caring Chairperson, Vickie Blackwelder. "Many of our volunteers have completed multiple work assignments."

Executive Director, Mary Beth Forst, added "it's been more like Days or Months of Caring rather than on just one day. Some of our teams began their work back in February." Forst continued, "To those 194 volunteers who helped us get this far, I thank you! To those who would still like to volunteer, I invite you! Even though Day of Caring is past, we still have 15 more projects and those individuals, non-profits and families still need our help!"

Work teams gathered from the following churches, civic clubs and companies all across Davie County: Bank of the Carolinas, Blaise Men, Center United Methodist Church, Cooleemee Civitan Club, Corinthian Lodge # 17, Davie Civitan Club, Davie County Home Builders Association, Davie County Master Gardeners, High School Jr. Civitan Club, Ingersoll-Rand, Mocksville Civitan Club, Rotary Club of Mocksville, South Davie Middle School Jr. Civitans, Smith Grove United Methodist Church, Vulcan Materials, Wal-Mart. Individuals chipped in too. Our thanks to Burton Northam, Harold Lanning, Gaither Markland and family as well as Scott Gantt and family.

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Recognition should also be given to the sponsors of our program without whom; United Way could not fund the program. This year, Duke Energy was joined by Wal-Mart as Presenting Sponsors. Each company covered the cost of approximately 10 projects. Bank of the Carolinas, Piedmont Natural Gas & Rotary Club of Mocksville shared the title of Caregiver Sponsors provided funding for approximately 5 projects. Several organizations helped to support the 2006 United Way Day of Caring by providing the funds for approximately 3 projects through a Helping Hand sponsorship. These companies included: BB&T, Graham Funeral Home, Martin & Van Hoy, LLP and SunTrust. Still others provided in-kind donations of food, supplies or funds to cover the cost of one project: Hanes*brands*, Inc., Hendrix & Corriher Construction and Scott Gantt.

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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Pictures: Homebuilders & Leroy Stanley (2 pictures)

Caption: Davie County Homebuilders Association built a wheelchair ramp for Leroy Stanley.

Pictures: BofCgardening & BofCcarwash (3 pictures)

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Caption 1: Employees from both the Advance & Mocksville Branches of Bank of the Carolinas conducted a carwash to help off-set the cost of wheelchair ramps being built around the county.

Caption 2: Bank of the Carolina Operations employees planted flowers for Davie County Home Health

Pictures: IRsteppingstones (2 pictures)

Caption: Employees from Ingersoll-Rand installed stepping stones in front of the Brock Center for the Performing Arts.

Pictures: mastergardeners at storehouse (2 pictures)

Caption: The Davie County Master Gardeners helped to beautify the grounds of A Storehouse for Jesus

Pictures: Vulcan & Vulcan1 (2 pictures)

Caption: The team from Vulcan Materials built movable walls for Farmington Community Center

Pictures: WalMart 1, 2, 3 & WalMartyardwork1, 2, 3, 4 (7 pictures)

Caption1: Team Wal-Mart held a picnic and played ball with the residents of the Group Homes.

Caption 2: Wal-Mart employees help to do gardening at the Davie County Group Home.

Pictures: Davie Civitans1, 2, 3 (3 pictures)

Caption for picture 1: Charles Markland has lead the team from Davie Civitans for more than 4 years!

Caption for pictures 2 & 3: Members of the Davie Civitan Club builds a wheelchair ramp.