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United Way
of Southwest Colorado

United Way of Southwest Colorado Exceeds Campaign Goal Again! Successful Fundraising Drive Allows United Way to Fund Local Nonprofits

March 2, 2009, Pagosa Springs, CO – United Way of Southwest Colorado announced today that its annual fundraising drive for Archuleta County conducted last fall and winter exceeded its goal. A total of \$71,919.00 was pledged to United Way.

Karen Davison, United Way's employee for Archuleta County, said "It was a tough fundraising year with all the economic turmoil, but I am so proud of our community for their donations. The community's support allowed us to raise slightly more than our goal."

Donations and pledges to United Way's annual campaign are used to fund nonprofit organizations in Archuleta County. Prior to beginning the fundraising, a team of volunteers evaluated local nonprofit organizations and recommended a funding amount for 15 groups. These funding amounts formed the core of the annual campaign goal.

The Springs Resort & Spa hosted the campaign celebration event and was acknowledged for their continued support in our 2008/2009 Campaign. After United Way announced its campaign total, 31 awards were given out to supporters of the fundraising drive. This year, two new major business supporters conducted corporate campaigns contributing major donations towards our goal: Pagosa Mountain Hospital (Upper San Juan Health District) and DeClark Granite and Fabrication. Citizens Bank received the award for the business with the largest increase in giving. LPEA received two awards: Business with the highest average employee gift and 2008/2009 Outstanding Business Supporter Award. Wolf Creek Ski Area received United Way's Community Spirit Award.

United Way presented Special recognition to the following persons:

2008 Chairperson of the Archuleta County Advisory Council: Terri House

Outgoing Advisory Council Members: Terri House, Lisa Scott, and Cherlyn Gwin

2008/2009 Community Campaign Chairs: Jack and Katy Threet

CEO United Way of Southwest Colorado: Tim Walsworth

Archuleta County Council Member and representative to the regional United Way of Southwest Colorado Board of Directors: Dick Babilllis.

About United Way of Southwest Colorado – United Way has been serving southwest Colorado for 37 years. The organization is headquartered in Durango, but has an employee for Archuleta County. All funds donated from Archuleta County residents are used to support United Way’s work in the one-county area, as well as 15 nonprofit organizations that also serve the one-county area. For more information, visit www.unitedway-swco.org

**United Way of Southwest Colorado
Archuleta County
2008/2009 CAMPAIGN AWARDS**

Partner Agencies with 100% employee participation

Archuleta County Education Center
Archuleta County Victim Assistance Program
Seeds of Learning

Business with the largest increase in giving:

Citizens Bank

Business with the highest average employee donations:

LPEA

2008/2009 Community Spirit Award

Wolf Creek Ski Area

2008/2009 Outstanding Business Supporter Award

LPEA

2008 Golf Tournament

Pagosa Springs Golf Club and Troy Persson

2008 Party Round Pagosa Host and Hostesses

Karl and Kathy Isberg
Tom and Ming Steen
Bob and Lisa Scott
Reid and Lisa Kelly
Chris and Dawn Truax

Dick and Mary Bond
Frank and Robin Shiro

United Way of Southwest Colorado's 2009 Partner Agencies
*These organizations will receive funding from United Way in 2009
due to the success of the fundraising drive.*

American Red Cross, Southwest Colorado Chapter
Archuleta County Education Center
Archuleta County Victim Assistance Program
Big Brothers Big Sisters
Colorado Housing, Inc.
Great Southwest Council – Boy Scouts of America
Girl Scouts of Colorado
Habitat for Humanity
Housing Solutions for the Southwest
Pagosa Outreach Connection
San Juan Basin Area on Aging
San Juan Basin Health Department
Seeds of Learning
Southwest Conservation Corps
Volunteers of America Colorado Branch

**United Way of Archuleta County Advisory
Council Members 2009**

David Musser, Chairperson
Cindi Galabota, Agency Representative
Dick Babillis, Board Liaison
Carolyn Warsawski
Tom Steen
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