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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

January 24, 2009, Cortez, CO – United Way of Southwest Colorado announced today that its annual fundraising drive for Montezuma and Dolores Counties conducted last fall and winter exceeded its goal. A total of \$103,032 was pledged to United Way.

Bruce Johnson, United Way’s employee for Montezuma and Dolores Counties, 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 Montezuma and Dolores Counties. Prior to beginning the fundraising, a team of volunteers evaluated local nonprofit organizations and recommended a funding amount for 19 groups. These funding amounts formed the core of the annual campaign goal.

Before United Way announced its campaign total, awards were given out to the top supporters of the fundraising drive. First National Bank, Empire Electric Association, Montezuma County, Southwest Contracting, Hospice of Montezuma, Four Seasons Greenhouse and Nursery, Bill Barrett Corporation, and the Combined Federal Campaign for federal employees in Montezuma County all received awards.

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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 Montezuma and Dolores Counties. All funds donated from Montezuma and Dolores County residents are used to support United Way’s work in the two-county area, as well as 19 nonprofit organizations that also serve the two-county area. For more information, visit www.unitedway-swco.org

**United Way of Southwest Colorado
Montezuma & Dolores Counties
2008/2009 CAMPAIGN AWARDS**

Highest average gift per donor
First National Bank, Cortez

Highest average gift per employee
Empire Electric Association & First National Bank, Cortez

Highest percentage increase in total gift
Montezuma County

Highest percentage employee participation
Southwest Contracting

Most dollars given
Empire Electric Association

Most dollars given by a partner agency
Hospice of Montezuma

Special Recognition
Four Seasons Greenhouse and Nursery

Highest new business donor
Bill Barrett Corporation

2008 Southwest Colorado Combined Federal Campaign

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
The Bridge Homeless Shelter
CASA of the Four Corners
Community Connections
Cortez Addiction and Recovery Services
Dolores County Nutrition Program
Dove's Nest Early Education and Day Care Center

Four Corners Child Advocacy Center – The NEST
Hospice of Montezuma
Montelores Emergency Assistance Coalitio (MEAC)
Medicine Horse Center
Montezuma County Health Department Child Passenger
Safety Seat Program
The Pinon Project

Renew

Southwest Colorado Mental Health Center

Southwest Conservation Corps

Southwest Open School

Volunteers of America Southwest Safehouse

