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Contributions of 40,000+ Givers and 750+ Companies Propel United Way Campaign Past \$14.5 Million

(Greenville, SC)...At a final campaign celebration held today in front of more than 500 volunteers and campaign leaders, Campaign Chairman Bill Engle, Plant Manager, Baldor Dodge Reliance – Gear Products, praised the work of thousands of volunteers and contributors.

“Our community has a rich history of caring for our neighbors,” said Engle. “The citizens of Greenville County, through their support of United Way, have shown a commitment to improving the quality of life for individuals and families, neighborhoods and our entire community.”

“On behalf of United Way volunteers, the community partner agencies whose programs receive United Way funding, and the thousands of individuals and families who benefit from our community’s caring and generosity, we thank you for your support of the issues that matter most to our community. Thank you for continuing to support your United Way.”

Below are a few Campaign Highlights:

- United Way of Greenville County has surpassed its \$14.5 million goal, raising \$14,507,672 to serve the community in 2008. These results signify a 3.3% increase over last year’s campaign.
- More than 40,000 individuals and more than 750 companies/organizations contributed to United Way in this year’s campaign.
- 15 companies ran workplace campaigns for the first time, generating \$120,769.
- So many companies and organizations stepped up to support this community through their United Way contributions. The Top 10 campaigns for this year’s campaign are:

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- Bill Engle
2007 Campaign Chairman

TOP 10 Company Campaigns

1. Michelin North America
2. Fluor Corporation
3. Greenville Hospital System
4. Greenville County Schools
5. General Electric Gas Turbine (Greenville), L.L.C.
6. BI-LO, LLC
7. Baldor Dodge Reliance
8. Cryovac Division, Sealed Air Corporation
9. KEMET Electronics Corporation
10. NuVox Communications

“The United Way’s responsibility and commitment is to make sure all contributions are effectively utilized,” continued Engle. “In the coming months, hundreds of dedicated United Way volunteers will be investing the dollars from this year’s campaign into 95 local agency programs that are working to achieve measurable results in the areas that our community has said are most important:

- **Nurturing Young Children** through programs that focus on early child care, development, and education and supporting children with disabilities and developmental differences;
- **Helping Youth Succeed** through programs that focus on academic achievement, school completion, and juvenile crime prevention;
- **Strengthening Families & Neighborhoods** through programs that focus on eliminating poverty, employment skills development, improving employment status of community members, providing affordable housing, and transportation;
- **Building a Healthy Community** through programs that focus on affordable health care, decreasing substance abuse, alleviating stress, anxiety and depression, and supporting senior citizens and people with disabilities; and
- **Caring for Neighbors in Crisis** through programs that focus on providing emergency food, shelter, clothing, medicine, and emotional support, and decreasing the incidence of domestic violence and child abuse.”

Dollars are also invested in innovative partnerships to impact current and emerging community issues and leverage additional community resources. (see examples attached).

“The success of this year’s campaign is a reflection of our community’s belief that focusing on measurable outcomes to maximize impact is the right path to follow to build a better community,” Engle said. “Children are getting the early care and education they need to be ready for school. Men and women are realizing opportunities to improve their education and job skills, and building a better life for their families. Increased quality medical and dental services are becoming available for low-income families without medical insurance. We can all take pride in knowing that our contributions to United Way are making a difference for individuals, families, and neighborhoods right here in Greenville County.”