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United Way Announces \$2 Million Goal

Southwest Wyoming ----United Way of Southwest Wyoming's 2009 Campaign Cabinet met August 26, 2009 to discuss preparations for this year's annual fundraising campaign. According to Executive Director Suzanne Zutter, the members of the cabinet are optimistic for the upcoming campaign setting a goal of \$2 million, an increase of \$150,000 from last year's campaign.

"This goal is ambitious but realistic", said Jim Pearce, campaign chair, "as we begin this year's campaign we want the community to be thankful for what we have and reach out to those in need. We are truly asking the community to take care of our own."

Demands for health and human services are increasing. "Reaching this level of financial support will enable United Way to keep funding community programs at the levels they need. Each year there is an increase in grant requests. The Community Solutions Team had some hard decisions to make this year as we fell \$523,626.00 short in meeting community program requests," said Zutter.

This year's Campaign Cabinet members include Campaign Chair Jim Pearce, FMC; Energy Chair Scott Heiner, Anadarko; Government & Public Service Chair Barry Cook, City of Green River; Major Accounts Co-Chairs Caroline Weskamp, Jim Bridger Power Plant and Bret Pizzato, FMC; Labor Chair Anthony Herrera, United Steel Workers of America #13214; Green River Small Business Chair Pam Spivack, retired volunteer; Education Co-Chairs Paul Grube, Sweetwater School District Number One, Craig Sorensen and Pete Brandjord, both of School District Number Two and Landmark Society Chair Russ Kirlin, Questar Gas.

Funds raised are granted to community programs that meet United Way's community goals. United Way believes that there are basic things we all need for a good life: a quality education that leads to a stable job, income that can support a family through retirement, and good health.

For more information about United Way of Southwest Wyoming and their upcoming campaign please go to their website at www.swunitedway.org.

