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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY NONPROFITS AWARDED \$220,000 IN UNITED WAY GRANTS
*46 Prince George's County Charities Receive Much-Needed Funds to
Continue Work in Education, Health and Financial Stability*

HYATTSVILLE, MD, February 8, 2012 – Today, United Way of the National Capital Area (United Way NCA) announced that it is awarding 52 grants totaling \$219,653 to 46 member organizations based in the County. The funds came through designations to the Prince George's County Community Impact Fund in United Way NCA's annual workplace giving campaign. Each of the grants directly addresses United Way NCA's focus areas of education, health and financial stability. In total, over \$1.75 million was raised through Community Impact Funds in United Way NCA's eight regions thanks to the support of employees from over 1,000 corporations, educational institutions and municipalities in the region.

"Partnering with each other, the Prince George's grant recipients deliver valuable services that help improve the quality of life of the County's neediest residents and help create a strong nonprofit sector," said Jackie Rhone, Community Impact Chair, United Way Prince George's County Regional Council. "I am truly grateful for the investment Prince George's County employees and corporations continue to make in their County." Rhone is Deputy Director of the County's Department of Social Services.

One of the grant recipients is Prince George's Child Resource Center, which provides mental health services for families including the most at-risk moms with children ages 0-5 who are working hard to overcome extremely difficult circumstances to give their children the best lives they can. "We regularly see the effects of domestic violence, drug abuse, fractured families and poverty," said Deputy Director Jennifer Hoffman. "Even as these young women begin to acquire the tools they need to move forward and thrive, we often see depression take hold. It is imperative that we provide mental health services to struggling families."

Michele Hartlove, Executive Director of the Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington® (POB), said that one way POB serves the region is by providing eyeglasses to 8,000 low-income and homeless adults and children each year. "Our United Way Community Impact Fund grant will enable us to continue this program. It means we can do more and purchase more frames and lenses." Founded in 1936, POB is the largest local prevention of blindness agency in the United States.

"The contributions from the Prince George's community demonstrate a commitment to joining together to ensure that programs in education, health and financial stability can continue their essential work," said Bill Hanbury, President and CEO, United Way NCA. "Each of the Community Impact Fund grants will have an immediate and positive impact on each of these vital organizations."

Specifically, the Prince George's County grantees are: Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association National Capital Area Chapter, American Diabetes Association, The Arc of Prince George's County, Arts for the Aging, Ayuda, Camp Fire USA Patuxent Area Council, Capital Area Food Bank, Capital Partners for Education, CASA de Maryland, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington, Christ

Child Society, Community Advocates for Family & Youth, Community Crisis Services, Community Legal Services of Prince George's County, Community Support Systems, Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)/Prince George's County, Daughters of Zion Empowerment Center, Derek Anthony Moore Charity, End Time Harvest Ministries, Food & Friends, Food Research & Action Center, Forestville Pregnancy Center, The Foundation for the Advancement of Music and Education (FAME), GnG (Guitars not Guns) National Capital Area, Home Care Partners, House of Ruth Maryland, Laurel Boys and Girls Club, Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Institute, Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area, Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care, Melwood Horticultural Training Center, Mission of Love Charities, National Kidney Foundation Serving the National Capital Area, Neediest Kids, PHILLIPS Programs for Children and Families, Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington, Prince George's Child Resource Center, Prince George's Tennis & Education Foundation, Prison Outreach Ministry, The Salvation Army, San Miguel School, Seabury Resources for Aging, SHARE Food Network, Spanish Catholic Center, St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home, and Top Banana Home Delivered Groceries.

All donors to United Way of the National Capital Area have the option of directing their pledge to the Community Impact Fund in one of United Way NCA's eight regions including Alexandria, Arlington, District of Columbia, Fairfax/Falls Church, Loudoun, Montgomery, Prince George's and Prince William counties. These funds help United Way solve critical challenges facing its communities that no one person, nonprofit, or company can address alone.

Each year, United Way NCA solicits funding proposals from its member nonprofit organizations for specific programs and work in these communities. This year, Prince George's County member organizations submitted 81 proposals totaling \$1,466,823. Funding decisions are made by a volunteer, citizen-led task force that works together with area nonprofits, governments, and business leaders to determine where there are gaps in services and where the funds will do the most good.

Region wide, United Way NCA awarded a total of 256 grants to more than 160 member organizations. All of the grants awarded fall in one of United Way NCA's three community impact areas of Education, Financial Stability and Health. There were 72 programs funded in Education, 100 in Health and 84 in Financial Stability. In total, United Way NCA raises more than \$30 million each year to address the needs of the community, and in the past five years has raised and dispersed more than \$142 million across the greater Washington region.

About United Way of the National Capital Area

Focusing on the critical areas of education, financial stability and health, United Way of the National Capital Area and its nonprofit members not only provide immediate relief of social problems affecting the community, but also works to alleviate the underlying causes of these issues. Serving the District of Columbia, Northern Virginia, and Montgomery and Prince George's Counties for more than 35 years, United Way of the National Capital Area works to inspire acts of caring, deliver hope and improve lives. For more information about United Way of the National Capital Area, visit www.unitedwaynca.org.