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### UNITED WAY NAMES CAMPAIGN AND BOARD LEADERSHIP

United Way of Whatcom County has named Dr. Erick Laine Chairman of the 2006 United Way fundraising campaign. "We are proud to have Erick Laine as our Campaign Chairman this year," said United Way President/CEO Peter Theisen. "He is a natural leader who combines business innovation and real compassion for his patients. Erick Laine is committed to improving the health of Whatcom County residents, and so are we."

David Boyer, Senior Project Manager at VECO USA was recently appointed Board Chair for United Way of Whatcom County. Boyer replaces outgoing Chair Terry Belcoe, CEO of North Coast Credit Union, who completed a two-year term in the position. The Board of Directors of United Way also recently voted in the following new Board members:

- Pat Atkinson, Northwest Regional Council on Aging
- Matt Barnhart, MB Design
- Pat Hudgens, VECO USA

United Way of Whatcom County kicks off its annual fundraising campaign on September 7<sup>th</sup> with a luncheon at St. Luke's Health Education Center. For further information call Erica Charbonneau at (360) 733-8670.