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UNITED WAY OF WHATCOM COUNTY CELEBRATES CAMPAIGN SUCCESS WITH AWARDS BANQUET

BELLINGHAM, Wash.— To celebrate the success of its 2011 Workplace Giving Campaign, United Way of Whatcom County will host a Campaign Celebration and Awards Banquet on Thursday, April 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Best Western Lakeway Inn. The banquet will honor both new and returning organizations, as well as those who demonstrated outstanding dedication, support and partnership with United Way.

“We’ve got big news this year about the amount of funds raised,” said Peter Theisen, United Way president. “And most importantly, we are excited for the support these generous dollars will provide for vital community programs that improve Education, Income, and Health for us all.”

The Workplace Giving Campaign is United Way’s largest fundraising effort, and runs during the fall. More than 150 Whatcom County organizations and hundreds of volunteers participated in the fall Campaign, and their contributions will be distributed by volunteers to more than 40 United Way funded programs at 30 different non-profits that will help children and youth achieve their potential, promote financial stability and independence, and improve people’s health.

“We’re excited to support these programs that do so much for our community,” Theisen said.

In May, a group of 40 community volunteers, The Fund Distribution Committee, will distribute Campaign funds to programs based on need in the community. Final funding recommendations will be approved at the end of June.

If you are interested in attending the Awards Banquet on April 26 or volunteering on the Fund Distribution Committee please call 360-733-8670 for more information.

United Way of Whatcom County has worked for over 50 years to increase financial resources for local health and human service needs, and to seek and invest in community-building opportunities to improve Education, Income and Health for Whatcom County residents.

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