# United we are...

# 2008

## Report To The Community

United, we stand. United, we elevate. United, we persevere.

United Way
United Way of Greater New Bedford

# A Force in Our Community.

While many people are familiar with the United Way name, often they don't know what we actually do...

Dear friends, partners and supporters:

This past year our United Way celebrated 55 years of proudly serving Greater New Bedford. And, though our organization has been in existence for over five decades, we can never assume that everyone realizes what we do or how they can help. That's why, this past year, we focused on repositioning ourselves as a true community leader, rather than solely a fundraiser. We expanded our efforts to promote volunteerism and administer unique programs that contribute a great deal to the community.

We also reenergized old relationships while forging new ones. Whether it was acknowledging longtime donors at our first ever Leadership Breakfast or holding "Cocktails with a Cause," an event for young professionals, we stepped out of our comfort zone and strived to be more relevant. We embraced technology and social networking by communicating through online newsletters and joining Facebook. We co-hosted a focus group for the incoming New Bedford School Superintendent that brought non-profit and business professionals together to discuss local education.

Having previously relied mainly on funds raised through annual workplace campaigns – which most people associate with United Way – we are now diversifying our funding sources, securing more grants, growing our endowment and partnering with other funders and organizations to leverage resources and implement change.

We joined fellow United Ways from across the Commonwealth in co-funding Mass 2-1-1. This 24/7 information and referral line provides free, confidential information for people seeking help, making it easier for them to navigate the complex maze of human service agencies and programs.

We also collaborated with other United Ways and successfully secured a grant to provide foreclosure prevention counseling to our community in this urgent time of need. This effort helped more individuals and families stay in their homes and enjoy financial stability.

We established a formal Planned Giving Program, raising awareness about ways to support the community and United Way through bequests, trusts, and other types of long term giving. We provided more exposure to the Navigator Society, our Leadership Giving Program, by enhancing its prestige and offering special recognition for our most generous donors.

This year we welcomed longtime board member, Bob Manny, as our new Board Chair. He assumed his new leadership position with enthusiasm and foresight, and immediately began working to help strengthen and grow our organization. Under his guidance, we have reexamined the role of our Board of Directors and revisited our bylaws, ultimately strengthening our infrastructure and preparing United Way of Greater New Bedford for a prosperous future.

United Way knows that creating real, lasting change in our community takes the combined efforts of all of us working towards a common goal. Thousands of caring donors, many community partners and countless volunteers are all needed to make our community a great place to live.

As needs grow and resources are increasingly spread thin, creating change is certainly not simple. This is why United Way is engaging people to come together and accomplish what no single individual or group can do alone.

As we move into our new Campaign season, we are thrilled to have joined United Ways around the world to "LIVE UNITED." Much more than a powerful statement, "LIVE UNITED" is a movement! A movement which United Way will lead to encourage people to Give, Advocate and Volunteer to help advance the common good.

We all have the power to make an impact and help our neighbors. Please help us lead the way!

Michelle N. Hantman

Michelle Neves Hantman, President

# Building Resources

The nearly 200 workplace giving campaigns our United Way conducts each year are the backbone of our resource development efforts, raising funds to support over 60 much-needed health and human service programs throughout Greater New Bedford.

For 55 years, United Way has provided people with a convenient way to be catalysts for change in their communities. What makes a gift to United Way unique is that it doesn't simply impact one need, but rather supports an entire network of programs aimed at helping children and families in Greater New Bedford succeed.

Making the United Way's annual fundraising efforts possible are several groups of dedicated volunteers. This past year, Attorney Joseph Michaud chaired the campaign and, with support from his Campaign Cabinet, worked to foster new fundraising opportunities throughout Greater New Bedford.

## *Campaign Cabinet*

Atty. Joseph Michaud, Chair • Frank Almeida, First Citizens' Federal Credit Union • Dr. Robert Baarsvik • Ana Dyer, Webster Bank • Chief Paul Leger, City of New Bedford • Donna Novo, Bank Five • Michael Silvia, Town of Fairhaven • Chief Ronald Teachman, City of New Bedford • Marilyn Whalley, Town of Wareham • David Wojnar, Town of Acushnet

This year, United Way saw one of its most generous supporters, DePuy, a Johnson & Johnson Company, leave the area. A testament to J&J's longstanding commitment to the community, the company made a final contribution of $64,000 to offset the loss of employee and corporate giving.

Each year, United Way relies on the generosity of local businesses who provide us with Loaned Executives during the busiest 14-weeks of the campaign.

## *The 2007 Loaned Executives were:*

Vivian Medeiros • Marlene Green, Sovereign Bank • Robert Horta, Bristol County Sheriff's Office • Gig Lang • Linda Laranjeiro, First Citizens' Federal Credit Union • Gianno Lettieri • Linda Moniz, Lockheed Martin • Wendy Mendoza Rivera, New Bedford Housing Authority

Employee payroll deduction pledges currently comprise nearly 60% of United Way's campaign.

# Campaigns conducted in 2007

AAA • Acorn Manufacturing • Acushnet Company • Acushnet Public Schools • Aerovox, Inc. • AFC Cable Systems, Inc. • Alden Buick Pontiac GMC • Alden Court Nursing Home • Allegheny Ludlum Corporation • Allstate Insurance • American Red Cross • American Ref-Fuel • American Seafoods • Ameriprise Financial • Aquapoint • ARC – Advocacy Resource Center • AT&T • Babbitt Steam Specialty Company • Bank of America • Bank of Fall River • BankFive • BECFI/BAE Systems • Benew Dental Supply • Best Buy • Better Community Living • BJ's Wholesale Club • Blue Cross Blue Shield • Boy Scouts of America, Narragansett Council • Boys & Girls Club of GNB • Bristol County Sheriff's Office • Brittany Dyeing & Printing Corp. • CFC • COMECC • C.P. Bourg • Cingular Wireless • Circuit City • Citizens Bank • Citizens-Union Savings Bank • City of New Bedford • Coastline Elderly Services • Comcast • Command Print Solutions • Community Nurse & Hospice • Constellation Energy • Cornell Dubilier Electronics • Coyne Textile Services • Dartmouth Public Schools • Davico Mfg. • Dennison Memorial Community Center • Depuy, a Johnson & Johnson Co.• Eastern Bank • EDS Global • Edson International Corporation • EMC Corp. • Enos Home Oxygen • Fairhaven School Department• Famous Foods • FedEx • Filene's Basement • First Citizens' Federal Credit Union • Five Star Surgical • FM Global • Gillette • Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts • Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical HS • H & R Block • Hampton Inn • Hanover Insurance • Hartford Financial Services • Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare • Hertz • Highpoint/NEBCOA • Hodgson, Pratt & Associates • IBM • Illinois Tool Works • Immigrants Assistance Center • J.C. Penney • Joseph Abboud • Julius Koch USA • Kennedy Donovan Center • Kohl's • Lenscrafters • Liberty Mutual • Lockheed Martin • Lowe's • Macy's • Marta Nunes Enterprise • Maritime Bridge Terminal • Marshalls • McGee Chevrolet • Merck • Merrill Lynch • Milford National Bank • Moore & Isherwood • Morgan Advanced Ceramics / Alberox Products • Morgan Stanley Dean Witter • MSPCC • Nameplates for Industry • NB Child & Family Services • New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce • New Bedford Credit Union • New Bedford Housing Authority • New Bedford Medical Associates • New Bedford Public Schools • New Bedford Rehabilitation Hospital • New Directions • New England Plastics Corp. • NorthStar Learning Centers • NSTAR • Office Max • Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School • Our Lady's Haven • P.A.C.E • PAACA • Payless Shoes • Pencils, Inc. • Polyneer • Poyant Signs • Precix • Purity Services • Ramsbottom Printing • Raytheon • Reynolds DeWalt • Robertson's GMC • Rockland Trust • Sabre Holdings • Salvation Army • Schaefer Marine • Schering-Plough Corp. • Schwartz Center for Children • Sensata • Seven Hills Behavioral Health • Shaw's Supermarkets • Skip's Marine • Southcoast Hospital Group • South Coast Media Group • South Coast Technical Products • South Coastal Counties Legal Services • Southern Mass Credit Union • Sovereign Bank • Spectra Energy • Staples • State Farm • Stepping stone • Stop & Shop • Sylvia Group of Insurance Agencies • T.J.Maxx • Talbot's • Target • TD BankNorth • The Gap • The Nemasket Group • The Oaks Nursing Home • The Samaritans • The Women's Center • Tofias • Town of Acushnet • Town of Dartmouth • Town of Fairhaven • Town of Wareham • Tremblay's Bus Co. • UPS • Veolia Water • Verizon • United Way of America • United Way of Greater New Bedford • USAA • Walgreen's • Wal-Mart • Wareham Early Childhood Education • Webster Bank NA • Wells Fargo • Work Inc. • YMCA Southcoast • YWCA Southeastern MA • Zapp Precision Strip

## Our Top Five Contributors...

*combined employee and corporate giving

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ACUSHNET COMPANY

SOUTHCOAST HOSPITALS GROUP
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Sovereign Bank

# Leading the Way...

United Way provides everyone with the opportunity to be a philanthropist. And while every gift truly makes a difference, we recognize those who have made a leadership commitment to United Way by contributing $1,000 or more annually with inclusion in the Navigator Society. As Navigator Society members, these individuals and couples lead by example and recognize the value of a community working together to achieve our goals.

## *Navigator Society Members • $1,000 - $1,499*

Gerald Bellis, Acushnet Company • Mr. & Mrs. John Calnan, Citizens Bank of RI • John Catterall, City of New Bedford • Dr. Paul Chervinsky, New Bedford • Kevin Conare, Kennedy-Donovan Center • James Connor, Acushnet Company • Jeffrey Dalton, Acushnet Company • Douglas Dapprich, Lockheed Martin • Michael Davis, Marion • Forrest Dow, Citizens Bank of Massachusetts • Robert Dumas, Gr. NB Regional Vocational Technical HS • Ana Dyer, Webster Bank • Joshua Fernandes, City of New Bedford • Thomas Flynn, UPS • Henry Fortin, Gr. NB Regional Vocational Technical HS • Roland Giroux, Acushnet Company • Christopher Hodgson, North Dartmouth • Mathew J. Insana, Rockland Trust Co. • John Jackson, New Bedford Child & Family Services • Peter Jacobsen, New Bedford Housing Authority • Mr. & Mrs. Arthur J. Kelly III, New Bedford • Michael Kelly III, Acushnet Company • Mark Kershaw, Providence, RI • Mayor Scott Lang, City of New Bedford • Christopher Louro, UPS • John T. Ludes, Marion • David Maher, Plymouth • Mary Marshall, Gr. NB Regional Vocational Technical HS • Peter Marshall, Acushnet Company • Joseph Mayall, NSTAR • Dr. & Mrs. J. Greer McBratney, South Dartmouth • David J. Medeiros, Sovereign Bank • Craig Mello, NSTAR • John Midwood, UPS • Stephen Montembault, NEBCOA • Edward Murray • Nelson Ostiguy, City of New Bedford • Debbie Pickup, Southcoast Hospital Group • Gail Rodrigues, Sovereign Bank • Mark Rogers, Jr. Acushnet Company • George Ross, South Dartmouth • Minnie Saleh, Sovereign Bank • Gary Schuyler, YMCA • Alan Sequiera, Lockheed Martin • James Shaw, Lockheed Martin • Lisa Shea, NSTAR • Fernanda Silva, Bank of America • Kevin Spratt, Bank of America • David Talty, UPS • Rhonda Veugen, United EWay • Michael D. Walther, Precix • Mark Whalen, Lockheed Martin • James White, Sovereign Bank

NAVIGATOR SOCIETY

## *$1,500 - $2,499*

Michelle & Jason Hantman, UW of Greater New Bedford/Bank of America • Bruce M. Lemieux, Sovereign Bank • Elizabeth Martins, MA General Hospital • Robert Persuitte, Jr., UPS • John Ryan, Webster Bank • Charles Simpson, First Citizens' Federal Credit Union

## *$2,500 - $4,999*

Richard Arthur, Marion • Mr. & Mrs. Albert Merck, Mattapoisett • Bernard Mitchell, Lockheed Martin • Joseph J. Nauman, Acushnet Company • Steven Sharek, Gr. NB Regional Vocational Technical HS • Richard Toomey, Sovereign Bank • Sidney Weinberg, Marion

## *$5,000 - $9,999*

Rev. & Mrs. Brendan Griswold, South Dartmouth • Lawrence Hall, Lockheed Martin • Mr. & Mrs. William Walsh, Marion

## *Alexis de Tocqueville Society Ordre d'Liberte: $25,000 - $49,999*

Anonymous Donor • Maurice Duchaine Charitable Trust

*Special note: We have reviewed carefully all gifts made to United Way of Greater New Bedford to ensure that each gift is properly recognized. The Navigator Society List acknowledges all gifts made to the 2007 campaign. Occasionally, despite our best efforts, or due to company confidentiality, a name may be omitted or listed incorrectly. If we have made mistakes, we sincerely apologize. Please alert us to such errors by contacting the United Way office at 508-994-9625 or info@unitedwayofgnb.org. Please note that we make every effort to follow donors' preferences when compiling the Navigator Society List. If you would prefer to have your name listed differently in the future, please let us know.*

Our United Way is governed by an extraordinary group of community leaders who generously volunteer their time and talents to lead the organization. These individuals represent a broad cross section of the community and are dedicated to making Greater New Bedford a better place for us all. Board members may serve three-year terms, while all officers and standing committee chairs are appointed annually. The Board of Directors meets four to six times during the year at United Way.

## *Officers/Executive Committee*

CHAIR: Robert Manny, Princess House, Inc. • PAST CHAIR: Arthur J. Kelly III • VICE CHAIRS: Dennis Galvam, NSTAR; Nancy McFadden, Bridgewater State College • TREASURER: Robert Pielech, CPA, Rosenfield, Raymon & Pielech • CLERK: Orren Robbins • OF COUNSEL: Atty. Jane Pineau

## *Board of Directors:*

Hershel Alpert, Alpert Consulting • Ron Clement (service ended 4/08) • Timothy Cloe (service ended 4/08) • David Fortin, Media Image Productions • Patrick M. Gannon, MS, RPh, Southcoast Health System • Roland Giroux, Acushnet Company • Andrew Guilbeault, BankFive • Christopher Hodgson, Coastal Financial Services • Mathew Insana, Rockland Trust • Sarah Lamothe, Verizon • Jenna McDonald, South Coast Media Group • Atty. Joseph Michaud, New Bedford • Michele M. Pratt, CPA, MBA, Hodgson, Pratt & Associates • Gary Schuyler, YMCA Southcoast • Michael Shea, GNB Regional Vocational Technical High School • Edward Sweeney, New Bedford • Emily Viera, Lockheed Martin • Dr. Vanessa Ferreira Williams, Mattapoisett Council on Aging

## *Honorary Board of Directors*

Carolyn Burnham, Dartmouth • Joel Burns, South Dartmouth • David Cameron, Mattapoisett (deceased) • Norman Cartmill, Marion • John Day, South Dartmouth • J. Richard Early, Fairhaven• John Farnham, Marion • Manuel Fernandes, Acushnet • Glen Johnson, New Bedford • C. Eric Lindell, North Dartmouth (deceased) • John Linehan, New Bedford • R.F. MacDonald, Marion • Dr. Edward Mackler, New Bedford • James Mathes, South Dartmouth • John Moore, Dartmouth • Domenick Nicolaci, Fairhaven • Norma Olivier, South Dartmouth • Stephen Prescott, South Dartmouth • Stuart Richardson, Marion • George Ripley, New Bedford • Mary Schwartz, North Dartmouth • Calvin Siegal, South Dartmouth • Attorney Howard Young, New Bedford • Richard B. Young, Mattapoisett

United Way wishes to acknowledge a bequest gift in the amount of $80,235 from the Donna M. O' Connor Living Trust. During her tenure at Sippican, Donna was a dear friend to our United Way with her time and generosity. This contribution has been earmarked for our endowment. This will honor Donna's legacy and allow her gift to live on.

# Investing In Our Community

One of the most unique benefits of investing in United Way is that a single contribution supports more than 60 programs at health and human service agencies, providing resources for families, youth and seniors – people from all walks of life, facing all types of situations.

We fund local agencies that provide support to residents of Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Freetown, Marion, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Rochester and Wareham, impacting thousands of people in our region.

Each year, our Citizens Review Committee, comprised of informed volunteers from the community, conducts site visits to all of our agencies. They then determine funding recommendations based on criteria such as program outcomes, fiscal accountability and demonstrated need in the community.

## *Partner Agency Funding*

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| American Red Cross of Massachusetts Bay, South Coast Area | $31,394 |
| Advocacy Resource Center of Greater New Bedford (ARC) | $36,588 |
| Boys and Girls Club of Greater New Bedford | $61,817 |
| Boy Scouts of America, Narragansett Council | $19,942 |
| Child and Family Services of New Bedford | $54,890 |
| Coastline Elderly Services | $14,889 |
| Community Nurse & Hospice Care | $22,847 |
| Damien's Place, Family Pantry Corporation | $40,520 |
| Dennison Memorial Community Center | $47,964 |
| Diabetes Association, Inc. | $14,956 |
| Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts | $4,965 |
| Immigrants' Assistance Center | $31,573 |
| Mass. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children | $20,140 |
| Nemasket Group | $19,948 |
| New Bedford Council on Addiction, Inc. (NEBCOA) | $25,991 |
| NorthStar Learning Centers | $47,972 |
| People Acting in Community Endeavors (PACE) | $13,466 |
| Positive Action Against Chemical Addiction (PAACA) | $22,967 |
| Salvation Army | $76,945 |
| Samaritans of Fall River - New Bedford, Inc. | $15,000 |
| Schwartz Center for Children | $71,786 |
| Seven Hills Behavioral Health | $11,998 |
| Wareham Early Childhood Education & Development | $6,608 |
| The Women's Center | $26,747 |
| Work Inc., Southcoast Division | $5,962 |
| YMCA Southcoast | $71,922 |
| YWCA Southeastern Massachusetts, Inc. | $67,924 |
| Total | $887,721 |

# 2008 Citizens Review Committee:

## Team Leaders:

Beth Sylvia Caldwell, The Sylvia Group of Insurance Agencies • Dennis Galvam, NSTAR • Valarie Lacasse, Citizens' Bank • Jenna McDonald, Southcoast Media Group • Nancy McFadden, Bridgewater State College • Lynn Motta, formerly of Rockland Trust

## Volunteers:

Dr. Warren Berube, Global Learning Charter Public School • David Biggs, Oliveira-Biggs & You • Joel Burns, South Coast Media Group • David Fortin, Media Image Productions • Nancy Feeney, Department of Youth Services • Peter Hawes • Michelle Lapalme, Verizon • Vivian Medeiros, Retired • Rosemary Oliveira, Department of Children and Families • Kevin Pelland, Citizens-Union Savings Bank • Larry Petitjean, Retired • Jim Shaw, Lockheed Martin • Andrew Simpson, Riversand Technologies • Rosemarie Soares, The Sylvia Group of Insurance Agencies • Joe Tavares, Rockland Trust • William Vickery, BankFive • Jayne Westner, Citizens Bank • Holly Whitman, Consultant • Stephanie Wick, Global Learning Charter Public School

Because we strive to invest the most dollars back into the community, we are constantly assessing and improving our operational efficiency. While there are no dues paid to our United Way by partner and affiliated agencies, there is a formula for cost recovery from our annual campaign. Last year, our administrative costs were 18% - far below the Better Business Bureau's recommendation of up to 35% for nonprofit organizations.

## Campaign Allocations

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| Partner Agencies | 887,721 |
| Hunger Commision SEMA | 20,000 |
| Community Building Mini-Grants | 30,000 |
| Volunteer Solutions | 3,000 |
| Summer Fund | 29,422 |
| NBCCC Foster Children /Teen Enrichment Fund | 2,742 |
| Affiliated Agencies - Desginations | 15,961 |
| Non Affiliated Agencies - Designations | 1,608 |
| Other United Ways- Designations | 1,108 |
| **Total** | **991,562** |
| *Grant Funding for Special Initiatives and Programs* | 246,779 |
| ***Total Community Investment*** | ***1,238,341*** |

# Investing in Youth

The time that a child spends outside the classroom during the summer has a profound impact on his or her academic, physical and emotional development. United Way believes that opportunities for skill enhancement, personal growth, and improved self-esteem should be available to every child, regardless of financial constraints and disabilities. Through Summer Fund we offer thousands of children the opportunity to access quality enrichment programs and camps that they would otherwise be unable to attend.

In 2007, with the help of Chairman Senator Mark Montigny, Summer Fund raised $29,422 and funded a total of 15 camps and summer programs based on applications, final reports and past site visits.

Summer Fund receives support from the Island Foundation and the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts - Acushnet Foundation Fund, as well as gifts from area businesses and private donors.

## *2007 Summer Fund Recipients*

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| ACCESS for Community Enhancement Services | $ 1,325 |
| ARC of Greater New Bedford | $ 1,500 |
| Boy Scouts, Narragansett Council | $ 2,250 |
| Boys & Girls Club of Greater New Bedford | $ 2,250 |
| Community Boating Center | $ 3,500 |
| Dartmouth YMCA, Camp Metacomet | $ 1,100 |
| Diabetes Association, Inc. | $ 2,750 |
| Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts | $ 1,000 |
| Gleason Family YMCA | $ 1,200 |
| Mattapoisett YMCA, Camp Massasoit | $ 2,700 |
| New Bedford artMOBILE | $ 3,500 |
| New Bedford Prevention Partnership | $ 1,000 |
| Trips for Kids | $ 1,520 |
| Wareham Boys & Girls Club | $ 1,327 |
| YWCA of Southeastern Massachusetts | $ 2,500 |

# Helping Neighbors

At United Way, we believe nutritious food is a necessity, not a privilege. Every day we are working through our Hunger Commission of Southeastern Massachusetts program to make that belief a reality.

For a community to flourish, we must present a united front in order to impact the critical issues affecting our neighborhoods. United Way's Hunger Commission does just that, coordinating food distribution to nearly 50 emergency food programs throughout Bristol County. Through the Hunger Commission's efforts, local businesses, volunteer groups, individuals and food banks are able to donate food to those in need.

Childhood hunger is an issue our United Way feels strongly about. Through our Hunger Commission program, we serve as a statewide advocate on childhood nutrition, while also managing the Emergency Food and Shelter Program. We also partner with the National Association of Letter Carriers and the US Postal Service to coordinate the Letter Carriers' Food Drive, the largest one-day food drive in the country. In 2007, 56,000 lbs. of food were collected locally from this initiative.

The Hunger Commission is supported by Bergie's Seafood, Helping Hands, Maritime International, Nissen Bread, Sharing the Harvest Community Farm, Shaw's Supermarkets, Sid Wainer & Son, Starbucks, Stop & Shop and Tempest Fisheries. The program also receives support from the Bilezikian Family Foundation, the City of New Bedford Community Development Block Grant, the Island Foundation, the Patrick Carney Foundation, Project Bread, Sovereign Bank and the United Way Campaign.

## *2007 Hunger Commission Distribution Sites:*

American Red Cross • Ascension Church • Coastline Elderly Services • Catholic Social Services • Citizens for Citizens • Damien's Pantry • Harmony House • Heritage House • Home of Hope • Immigrants' Assistance Center • Market Ministries • M.O. Food = L.I.F.E. Pantry • PACE • Reflections • St. Anthony's Church • St. Martin's Church • Salvation Army • Steppingstone • TSS Seven Hills Behavioral Health • Veterans' Association of Bristol County • Veterans' Transition House • YWCA Southeastern Massachusetts

Hunger in Massachusetts has risen 22% since 2002, and of that population, 62,000 are children.

Project Bread 07 Status Report

Since 1995, 412 grassroots projects have received support from the Mini-Grants Program.

# Empowering People

It was a record breaking year for United Way's Community Building Mini-Grants program with 45 local all-volunteer groups – the most in the program's 13-year history – receiving $43,960 in funding.

Mini-Grants empowers people to work together, to tap into their passions and talents to improve the quality of life in our community. Whether it's a group keeping neighborhoods connected through an event, taking care of our environment by organizing a cleanup, or creating outreach programs to advocate for issues such as Autism and HIV/AIDS, Mini-Grants provides the grassroots community with the tools they need to make their ideas a reality.

It is the only local program that provides financial and technical support – as well as opportunities to learn new skills, collaborate and leverage resources – to all-volunteer groups working to strengthen the community.

The Mini-Grants Program continues to provide many resources for current and past grantees. This past year, a Community Builders Resource Library was created which allows groups to borrow larger, more costly items that wouldn't normally be funded through a mini-grant.

## *2008 Mini-Grants recipients*

A.C.C.E.S.S. Art Corp. International, 500.00 • Acushnet/Fairhaven Special Education PAC, 500.00 • AIDS Awareness Day Committee, 500.00 • Autism Spectrum Disorder Support Group,1,600.00 • Brooklawn Youth Skateboard Group, 2,000.00 • Bullard Street Neighborhoood Association, 1,000.00 • Busy Hands/ Loving Hearts, 800.00 • Cape Verdean Recognition Committee, Inc., 277.00 • Cove Street Neighborhood Association, 500.00 • FACE the Music, 500.00 • Fairhaven Heritage Center, 300.00 • Fairhaven Sustainability Committee, 2,000.00 • Family Nonviolence, Inc., 500.00 • Far North End Neighborhood Association, 400.00 • Fort Taber Historical Association, 1,250.00 • Friends of Nasketucket, 1,235.00 • Greater New Bedford Garden Club, 500.00 • Helping Hands and Hooves, 1,290.00 • Holocaust Education Committee, 1,116.00• Leroy L. Wood School PTO, 1,200.00 • MA Children's Relief Project, 1,500.00 • MA COALITION FOR CLEAN AIR/SouthCoast, 1,000.00 • MOMS Club of Fairhaven, 350.00 • Neighborhoods United, 700.00 • New Bedford Ballet Foundation, 700.00 • Normandin Middle School PTO, 1,000.00 • O.R.P.H. Inc. - Orpheum Rising Project Helpers, 1,400.00 • OLOA Healthy Connections, 500.00 • Onset-Wareham Community Crime Watch, 600.00 • Operation Clean Sweep, 1,100.00 • Oversoul Theatre Collective, Inc., 950.00 • Partners in Recovery, Inc., 600.00 • People Supporting Independent Living and Leisure, 600.00 • Safe Zones, 1,000.00 • Showstoppers Performing Arts, Inc., 2,500.00 • South Central/South 1st Street Neighborhood Assoc., 992.00 • Southcoast Fathers Support Group, 900.00 • Strong Foundation, 1,100.00 • Team Builders, Inc., 1,600.00 • Tree City Committee, 1,000.00 • United Families for Peace, 1,000.00 • Urban Fusion, 2,000.00 • Visually Impaired Persons Support Group, 1,000.00 • Westport Knittens, 500.00 • Winslow Parent Teacher Organization, 1,400.00

Last year, the Community Building Mini-Grants Program received support from the Island Foundation, Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts – Rainy Day Fund, the Henry H. Crapo Charitable Foundation, the Bilezikian Family Foundation, the Upstream Foundation and the United Way Campaign. The Community Economic Development Center of Southeastern Massachusetts is a founding partner and provides in-kind program support year round.

# Making A Difference

We believe that everyone should have the opportunity to give back to their community in some way. With that in mind, last year we stepped up our efforts to promote volunteerism in Greater New Bedford.

Volunteer Solutions is a free online service accessible through United Way's website that matches potential volunteers with local agencies in need of support. The database lists over 100 opportunities and allows users to search by criteria such as area of interest or zip code so they can find the volunteer opportunity that best suits their needs.

United Way also held our annual Day of Caring and Youth Day of Caring, which mobilized 275 volunteers from local businesses and schools to assist nonprofits with various projects such as painting, landscaping, stocking food pantries, building storage equipment, and office help. These two events alone provided agencies with thousands of dollars in volunteer support, demonstrating the tremendous power of people working together to give back to their community.

Last year's Day of Caring and Youth Day of Caring were sponsored by:

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In 2008, United Way also collaborated with the City of New Bedford's Community Services Department and other community groups to launch the Great Idea! Volunteer! (GIV) initiative to promote volunteerism in New Bedford. The project builds awareness of and participation in local volunteer efforts using Volunteer Solutions and a new website, www.volunteernewbedford.org, which highlights volunteer opportunities for city-sponsored projects.

The average contribution of volunteer service in Massachusetts has a value of $24.29 per hour.

Independentsector.org

This years clambake was sponsored by

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# Looking to the Future...

## Join the LIVE UNITED Movement.

UNDERNEATH EVERYTHING WE ARE, UNDERNEATH EVERYTHING WE DO, WE ARE ALL PEOPLE. CONNECTED, INTERDEPENDENT, UNITED. AND WHEN WE REACH OUT A HAND TO ONE, WE INFLUENCE THE CONDITION OF ALL. THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS TO LIVE UNITED.

**WE INVITE YOU TO BE PART OF THE CHANGE. TOGETHER, UNITED, WE CAN INSPIRE HOPE AND CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR A BETTER TOMORROW.**

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