

United Way of Greater Kansas City Awards \$605,000 to Local Nonprofit Agencies to Help People Impacted by Economic Recession

(Greater Kansas City)----While the economic picture is brightening for some, others affected by the recession are still struggling to meet their basic needs and provide for their families. Recognizing that fact, United Way of Greater Kansas City (UWGKC) and seven local foundations are once again joining forces to provide special funding to Kansas City area nonprofit agencies involved in providing emergency assistance to those in need, along with health care for the uninsured.

United Way and its collaborative partners today announced the awarding of \$605,000 in special grants to 18 local nonprofit agencies that are on the front lines of helping those affected by the recession. The effort is a continuation of *United for Hope/United to Help*, launched by UWGKC and other community partners last year in response to rising unemployment, increased foreclosures and a significant increase in the number of families and individuals turning to nonprofit agencies for help. Nearly 60 local nonprofit agencies received more than \$2.3 million from the *United for Hope/United to Help* fund last year.

This year's grants to agencies range from \$30,000 to \$40,000 and were awarded based on the agency's ability to provide short-term relief for those who are struggling, while also addressing longer-term problems relating to employment, housing issues, and a family's financial stability. The local nonprofit agencies can use the grant money to provide direct assistance to additional clients or to cover operating costs that will enable them to provide new or enhanced services to low-income families.

The nonprofit agencies receiving *United for Hope/United to Help* grant money are spread throughout the Kansas City metro area. The grant recipients include:

- Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas
- Community Assistance Council
- Community Services League
- Duchesne Clinic
- Episcopal Community Services
- Harvesters - The Community Food Network
- Health Partnership of Johnson County
- Hillcrest Transitional Housing
- Jewish Family Services of Greater Kansas City
- Legal Aid of Western Missouri
- Mid America Assistance Coalition (MAAC)
- Metro Lutheran Ministry
- Redemptorist Social Services Center
- reStart, Inc.
- Riverview Health Services
- Synergy Services, Inc.
- TLC for Children and Families
- Truman Medical Center

