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United Way of Thurston County Awards \$475,000 in Grants

With a focus on bringing lasting change, United Way of Thurston County (UWTC) will provide \$475,000 in grants for each of two years to support 57 health and human service programs at 38 local nonprofit organizations. Each funded program aligned with one of UWTC's four impact areas: Helping Kids Succeed, Meeting Basic Needs, Promoting Self-Sufficiency and Supporting Health and Wellness. The grants were made possible from individual and corporate donations made during UWTC's 2007 campaign. For a complete list of funded programs, visit <http://www.unitedway-thurston.org/fundinginfo.htm>.

Dozens of volunteers logged more than 1,700 hours during the three-month grant making process. Volunteers attended training sessions, read grant applications, listened to presentations by applicants, and made funding recommendations to the UWTC Board of Directors.

This year UWTC will also allocate additional grants for early learning programs, 2-1-1, and emerging needs, and distribute more than \$350,000 in donor designated gifts to nonprofit organizations.

For information on how to participate in this year's 2008 UWTC campaign, either through a workplace campaign or individual giving, contact Toni Verbon at 943-2773, x 17 or tverbon@unitedway-thurston.org.

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