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## **UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN SURPASSES GOAL**

Throughout its 2009 campaign year, the United Way of the Concho Valley asked donors to “Stand By their Community.” At the conclusion of the campaign on December 31<sup>st</sup> West Texans proved that they had taken the message to heart by surpassing the United Way Community Campaign goal of \$2,000,000 by **\$71,829** for a total of **\$2,071,829**.

The 2009 Campaign Chair was Shelley Burnett of Atmos Energy. “I am so proud of the people here in the Concho Valley who continue to help those in need around us. Every minute of every day our dollars are at work providing shelter, food, hope, encouragement and strength, to people in our community who are struggling to improve their lives from almost impossible situations. Thank you for making a difference and for *Standing by Me* and our community,” Burnett said. “I also want to thank those who volunteered their time, to those who served as Loaned Executives, Community Investment Council and Panel members, board members, and the dedicated United Way staff for their continued commitment to helping others. It takes all of us to be successful,” Burnett added.

Volunteer Loaned Executives, who assisted with work place campaigns throughout the Concho Valley, were Sheila Alley, Wells Fargo Bank; Courtney Beach, Oliver, Rainey, & Wojtek LLP; Shelene Black, 1st Community Federal Credit Union; Mike Ferguson, Ethicon; Linda Fira, Texas State Bank; Tracy Gonzalez, City of San Angelo Police Department; Robin Green, Alcohol & Drug Abuse Center of the Concho Valley; Edgar Harris, Shannon Medical Center; Ryan Haverlah, City of San Angelo Finance Department; Jamie Highsmith, San Angelo Independent School District; Terry Mobley, Tom Green County; Michelle Pape, Texas State Bank; Tabitha Ramirez, ICD Family Shelter; Judy Rippetoe, Concho Valley Rape Crisis Center; Andrea Robles, Esperanza Health & Dental Center; Jimmy Scott, Goodyear Proving Grounds; Pete Thiry, YMCA; Brian Trainer, Ethicon; Luke Uherik, First Financial Bank; Anthony Wilson, City of San Angelo Convention Center and Ann Woehl, community volunteer.

As directed by donors, the 2009 campaign funds will be disbursed to national, state and local charities including 19 local United Way Program Providers. They are Adult Enrichment Center, Adult Literacy Council, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council for the Concho Valley, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Club of San Angelo, Children’s

Advocacy Center, Christians in Action, Concho Valley Council Boy Scouts of America, Concho Valley Home for Girls, Inc, Concho Valley Rape Crisis Center, Concho Valley Regional Food Bank, Concho Valley Workforce Development Board, Esperanza Health and Dental Centers, Girl Scouts of Central Texas, Institute of Cognitive Development, Rebuilding Together-San Angelo, Inc, Salvation Army, San Angelo Day Nursery and YMCA of San Angelo. Donors also designated **\$52,078** in cash and in-kind donations to Hope for the Holidays assistance.

The United Way Board will approve funds which will be allocated to local United Way agency programs as recommended by United Way volunteers. United Way partner agencies provide services to residents in Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton and Tom Green Counties.