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**United Way of the Coastal Bend and Corpus Christi Police Department Collaborate to Provide Information and Referral Resources to Citizens of Corpus Christi**

Catrina Steinocher, President/CEO, of the United Way of the Coastal Bend and Bryan Smith, Chief, Corpus Christi Police Department will announce a collaborative agreement to provide information and referral resources to citizens on **Thursday, February 15 at 2 p.m. at the United Way of the Coastal Bend office.**

Police officers, in the normal course of their duties, are often faced with situations where social service information is needed by victims. As being a social worker is outside the realm of police officer responsibilities, providing quick and easy referral information will be of great help to both police officers and those who need assistance. Police officers with the Corpus Christi Police Department will now have available cards directing citizens to call 2-1-1. Texas 2-1-1/United Way of the Coastal Bend is a 24-hour, free, confidential resource for health and human service information throughout the state of Texas. Since its inception in December of 2003, Texas 2-1-1/United Way of the Coastal Bend has received more than 35,000 calls.

This collaborative partnership will expand community awareness of 2-1-1 Texas/United Way of the Coastal Bend and allow police officers to quickly guide citizens to the health and human resources they need.

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