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February 11 is Third Annual “2-1-1 Day”

February 11, 2007 is a special day in Texas. It is the Third Annual 2-1-1 Day. 2-1-1 is a program of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission in collaboration with the United Way of the Coastal Bend. United Way of the Coastal Bend manages 2-1-1’s Coastal Bend-area information center, one of 25 such regional centers in Texas.

2-1-1 Texas/United Way of the Coastal Bend is a free information and referral line answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week. When callers dial 2-1-1, they are connected to area information centers in their region. Trained experts have access to the most comprehensive database of community-based organizations, government agencies and nonprofits in Texas. Information can be provided in more than 90 languages.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has declared this date “Texas 2-1-1 Day,” and organizations statewide will be educating people about 2-1-1. The list of resources available through 2-1-1 Texas/United Way of the Coastal Bend is extensive and includes:

- Childcare programs
- Domestic violence programs
- Drug and alcohol treatment
- Elder care services
- Emergency shelter, food and clothing
- Employment opportunities
- Family counseling services
- Housing assistance
- Temporary financial and utility assistance
- Disaster response and relief

2-1-1 Texas/United Way of the Coastal Bend has answered over 35,000 calls since its inception in December 2003. It is one of the 25 currently operating area information centers throughout Texas.

For information and referrals, just dial 2-1-1 for assistance.

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