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United Way Recognizes Wells Fargo with top national award for community efforts

United Way Worldwide (Alexandria, VA) recently recognized Wells Fargo with a Summit award for exceptional volunteerism as a testament to actions the company and its employees took to improve lives and local communities.

“Community Involvement is an essential part of the Wells Fargo culture from top to bottom,” said United Way Worldwide Executive Vice President Atul Tandon. “This year, Wells Fargo championed their local communities across the nation and rallied team members to become the largest employee campaign in the entire U.S. Wells Fargo and its team members stepped up in every possible way, increasing volunteer hours as well as giving more of their financial resources. We can’t thank them enough for their exceptional generosity, leadership and commitment to helping others. Truly, they have re-set the bar for giving and volunteering.”

In addition to giving \$202 million in grants to support non-profits, more than 32,000 Wells Fargo team members volunteered 1.23 million hours in 2009. For the United Way of the Coastal Bend, (Corpus Christi Texas) local Wells Fargo employees combined with corporate support totaled nearly \$12,500 in 2009.

“To be honored with the United Way Spirit of America Award in community volunteerism reflects the spirit of our culture and our vision and values,” said Jon R. Campbell, executive vice president, social responsibility group at Wells Fargo. “I am incredibly proud of the dedication and compassion our team shows by generously investing their time, energy, and personal financial resources to help their neighborhoods and communities succeed. Our partnership with the United Way is an integral part of our effort to build strong, safe and healthy communities.

The United Way Spirit of America and Summit Awards program, now in its 23rd year, is United Way Worldwide’s highest national honor for a corporation, recognizing the United Way Global Corporate Leadership company with the most comprehensive commitment to improving lives and strengthening communities. Applicants are evaluated by corporate peers, labor representatives and local United Ways.

In the Coastal Bend, United Way is working to advance the common good by focusing on the basic building blocks for a good life: Education, Income and Health. United Way of the Coastal Bend provides funding to 44 programs in Bee, Jim Wells, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces and San Patricio Counties.

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