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ANNUAL CAMPAIGN REPORT

The 2008 campaign proved more than ever that Kitsap County cares and is more than willing to help those in need. This year's campaign started out ahead of last year and never looked back. Business after business, employee after employee, everyone that participated reached deep and gave what they could to ensure that those in need would not go without.

Several businesses exceeded their goals in both participation and dollars. While we still have \$500,000 to meet our goal of \$1.9 million, we are moving forward with great community support. Results continue to come in on a daily basis.

If you have not had a chance to turn in a pledge, you still can. Local agencies are receiving more requests for help than they can handle and need our help more than ever.

ADVANCING THE COMMON GOOD

When you hear us talk about "advancing the common good" we are talking about ways we can make sure everyone in our community has the basic building blocks for a good life—an education, good health, and financial security that lasts through retirement. There are lots of folks and organizations here in Kitsap who are working to advance the common good by volunteering or through providing direct services. But who would think that an architectural firm would be on that list.

Rice, Fergus, Miller Architecture and Planning (RFM) should not be known just for the buildings they design. They should also be recognized for how involved their employees are in the community.

Everyone volunteers on a routine basis on their own and as a team for Habitat for Humanity, Rebuild Together Kitsap and United Way's Day of Caring. The three principals of the firm are involved in Rotary, sit on the Central Kitsap Fire Commission and the Harrison Foundation Board. The staff sponsors families and kids during the holidays and puts together a team for the March of Dimes walk each year. In 2008 they made charitable contributions to 10 different non-profit organizations. RFM also sponsors two scholarships each year. One is for an Olympic College student who is either overcoming a disability or going into a field related to supporting those with a pediatric disability. The second scholarship is for a high school student who is planning to study architecture or a related field.

As for all their architecture and planning, that involves non-profits too.

Some of the current and past clients include the Red Cross, YWCA, Boys and Girls Club, Holly Ridge Center, St. Vincent de Paul, Girl Scouts, YMCA, Harrison Medical Center, and Olympic College.

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WE CAN'T SAY IT ENOUGH

Thank you, gracias, merci, xièxie.... We just can't say it enough!

Because of your support and generosity, Lucas who is 10 went to the dentist for the first time and came home with his very own toothbrush. Dorothy found a way to afford the medication her doctor prescribes for her high-blood pressure.

Michael who is a single dad and 33, was able to take a class that helped him pass his GED. Katie got to go to camp for the first-time with all of her friends. The Wilson family, who now needs help from the food bank because both parents lost their jobs, can provide three meals a day for their children.

These are just a few of the folks that you have helped. It may not seem like much, but the help these people received made a huge impact in their lives. And, it is the sum total of all those kind gestures that help to solve the most critical problems facing people in our community.

We can not do this alone; we need each other and we might call on you. Don't be surprised if someone from United Way gives you a call, writes you a letter or sends you an email. Certainly we will say thanks again—but we also want to know how we are doing. We value your support and that includes hearing directly from you about ways we can work together to make Kitsap a great place for all of us.

In the meantime, if you want to call us—feel free, we would love to hear from you. Our number is 360.377.8505, please ask for David Foote, Executive Director or Patricia Hennessy, Director of Resource Development.