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**UNITED WAY RECEIVES \$10 MILLION GRANT FROM LILLY ENDOWMENT
FOR HURRICANE RECOVERY AND REBUILDING**

*-- Gift to Provide Services to Victims, Rebuild Social Service Network and Encourage
Support for Long-Term Recovery --*

Alexandria, VA (November 3, 2005) – United Way of America (UWA) today announced its UNITED WAY HURRICANE RESPONSE AND RECOVERY FUND has received a gift of \$10 million from Lilly Endowment Inc. This significant grant will be used to provide services to hurricane victims, restore the capacity and infrastructure of social service agencies and stimulate more giving to United Way for recovery and rebuilding of the Gulf Coast areas devastated this hurricane season.

United Ways throughout the affected areas have been working with partner agencies to ensure that front-line services such as emergency assistance, food, clothing, housing and transportation are available to those in need and will continue to do so thanks to this financial contribution. Many human services organizations in the Gulf Coast states have suffered tremendous damage to their facilities, which has severely limited their ability to provide services to those in need. This grant will be used in part to rebuild this much-needed social services infrastructure.

In addition, this is a critical time in the annual fund-raising campaigns of United Ways in the affected areas and these resources will ensure that the campaigns proceed. Furthermore, a significant emphasis will be on developing plans for longer term community rebuilding and recovery. Examples of this work include developing re-entry plans, rebuilding, ongoing human development services e.g., job training, child care, mental health counseling, transportation, housing, elder care, case management services, and a safety net to give people a second, and better, chance.

“We’re very appreciative of the generosity of Lilly Endowment,” stated Brian Gallagher, President and CEO, United Way of America. “United Way has a long history of demonstrating its preeminent role in improving people’s lives by mobilizing the caring power of communities. With the size and scope of the damage wrought this hurricane season in the Gulf Coast states, there is an enormous amount of work to be done. This contribution will allow us to make a significant impact and demonstrate to others the long-term nature of the recovery and rebuilding process.”

“To rebuild their lives after these historic hurricanes, people in the affected communities must have the ongoing support of a viable and effective human service system,” said N. Clay Robbins, Endowment president. "As our country’s premier private developer of human service systems, United Way of America has embraced its leadership role in helping revive the devastated United Way agencies and systems in these communities. Since its founding in 1937, Lilly Endowment has supported United Way efforts in its home state of Indiana and throughout the country, and it is confident that United Way of America will put these new resources to effective use.”

The UNITED WAY HURRICANE RESPONSE AND RECOVERY FUND, which includes gifts from more than 20,000 individuals, United Ways and corporations, has received more than \$18.8 million in contributions. In addition to the national fund, local United Ways have raised approximately \$19.9 million and are in the process of distributing it to affected communities and to meet the needs of evacuees in communities across the country.

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About United Way of America

United Way of America is the national organization dedicated to leading the United Way movement in making a measurable impact in every community across America by focusing on the root causes of the most serious problems. The United Way movement includes approximately 1,350 community-based United Way organizations. Each is independent, separately incorporated, and governed by local volunteers. For more information about United Way of America please visit www.unitedway.org. If you are interested in donating to the United Way Hurricane Response and Recovery Fund visit www.unitedway.org or call 1.800.272.4630.

**United Way’s Reach and Impact
Others**

1,359 Number of affiliates it takes to be the single largest community-based nonprofit.
4,500 Number of United Way affiliates in 45 countries around the world.
45,783 Number of workplaces that run United Way campaigns.
120,000 Number of agencies supported by United Way every year.
1,010,000 Number of people who volunteer directly for United Way.
14,300,000 Number of individuals who invest in United Way each year.
58,000,000 Number of employees - individuals reached by United Way campaigns each year.
\$4,050,000,000 Number of dollars raised by United Way in 2004. (Total revenue)

United Way Helps People Help

United Way funds or runs 56% of the volunteer centers in America
In 2003, United Ways had 1.01 million direct volunteers who served in a variety of capacities including board, campaign, allocations and direct services.
Already at 34% coverage in its national roll-out, 2-1-1 is fast becoming the way Americans will seek to give help or get help in the future.
Volunteer Solutions, United Way's volunteer matching product, hosts the richest database of service opportunities online and received more than 20 million hits last year to its website. - Volunteer Solutions is being used by 2006 Super Bowl Host City Committee to manage volunteers for more than 40 Super Bowl related events.