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United Way Day of Caring Joins Forces with Interdependence Day

(Scranton, PA) The United Way of Lackawanna and Wayne Counties is pleased to announce this year's Day of Caring is a signature project of the Interdependence Day celebration in Scranton. Thursday, September 10, 2009.

"The hallmark of the United Way is a deep rooted belief that by reaching out a hand to one, we can effectively influence the condition of all," noted Gary Drapek, United Way president. "This belief forms the foundation of our work and is a guiding principle in the Interdependence Day movement," he added.

In its 15th year, Day of Caring is an annual, organized day of service which mobilizes hundreds of volunteers into United Way partner agencies and other organizations to provide much-needed assistance. Over the past decade and a half, the value of completed projects through Day of Caring has surpassed the \$1 million mark.

"Day of Caring is unique in that the volunteers see first-hand the all-important work of our network of agencies and at the same time, the agencies themselves benefit tremendously through the projects completed that otherwise might never be accomplished in the course of providing vital services in our community," Mr. Drapek noted.

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It is just this sort of grassroots community activity that is at the heart of Interdependence Day. The movement is a call to action across civic, cultural, educational and religious organizations to unite with the common purpose to promote understanding across boundaries and the interconnected role individuals have in the local community as well as the larger global society.

“There has never been a greater need nor a more critical time in our history for the values of Interdependence to be engrained in the hearts and minds of our neighbors down the block or on the other side of the world,” noted Sondra Myers, founder of Interdependence Day.

For more information, please contact the United Way at 343-1267.