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United Way of the Bay Area and the Solano Community Foundation Announce Funding available for improving the Health of Older Adults

Funding Available for Nonprofits in Napa and Solano Counties

Vallejo and Fairfield, Friday, June 20, 2008 – United Way of the Bay Area and the Solano Community Foundation have released a Request for Proposals for the Solano-Napa United Way Health Fund. Nonprofit agencies in Solano County and Napa County may submit proposals for grants addressing the health issues of residents age 45 and up. The target group includes individuals age 45-64 who represent the future senior population boom, as well as individuals who are currently seniors (65 and up). Applications for funding are available at www.solanocf.org and www.uwba.org \healthfund and must be received on or before 5:00 PM on August 15, 2008 at United Way of the Bay Area, 401 Amador Street, Vallejo, CA 94590, Attn: Solano Napa Health Fund.

The Solano-Napa United Way Health Fund was created in partnership by United Way of the Bay Area and Solano Community Foundation to serve the health needs of residents in Solano and Napa Counties. The fund is held by Solano Community Foundation, working with United Way and an advisory committee of community leaders, health practitioners, and others.

United Way of the Bay Area, in partnership with Solano Community Foundation, conducted a study to find out the current status of 45 to 64 year old residents in Solano and Napa Counties, entitled *The Coming Wave: Solano and Napa Counties Brace for Elderly Population Boom* (available at www.uwba.org). The report's major findings included the following:

- By 2030, the Solano and Napa senior population will skyrocket (182% increase in Solano; 99% increase in Napa);
- In 2000, one-third of Napa and Solano residents age 45-64 had incomes below 300% FPL (\$42,450 for a family of 3), which means that they will likely remain poor as they become seniors;

- The numbers of Latinos, African Americans and Asians will grow among seniors, requiring services to meet their language and cultural needs.

Proposed projects must address one or more of the following three areas (taken from recommendations of *The Coming Wave* report):

- Increase number of service providers and/or improve accessibility to existing preventative care for older adults, especially for low-income adults and those without insurance;
- Increase number of service providers and/or improve accessibility to existing outpatient and in-home care of chronic diseases, especially for those who do not have insurance;
- Increase service providers' ability to understand and transform their services to accommodate cultural differences such as language, community and tradition.

Eligible grant projects should be focused on providing program capacity for organizations serving the target population (individuals age 45 and up who have health issues). Grants may be used for direct services to individuals, technical assistance, start-up costs for a pilot project, planning and/or capacity building. These funds may also be used as a local match to leverage other sources of funds.

United Way and the Solano Community Foundation will be holding an informational session about this grant opportunity on Friday, July 11 from 9:30 AM to 11 AM at the Joe Nelson Center (611 Village Drive in Suisun). The event is open to the public. For more information, contact United Way at 707-551-3150.

About Solano Community Foundation

Solano Community Foundation was incorporated in 2000 to assist donors and to build the capacity of the county's nonprofit sector. With the motto of "For Good. For Ever. For Solano County," the Foundation provides a way for donors to make lasting contributions to the improvement of the quality of life of our neighbors and communities. For more information about Solano Community Foundation, please visit: www.solanocf.org.

About United Way of the Bay Area

United Way of the Bay Area (UWBA) seeks to advance the common good by creating opportunities for a better life for all, focusing on the three key building blocks of education, income and health. United Way and its partners seek to create lasting community change by addressing the underlying causes of Bay Area's most significant issues. Living United means being a part of the change. Give. Advocate. Volunteer. Founded in 1922, UWBA serves Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo and Solano Counties. For more information about United Way, please visit: www.uwba.org