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**Waukesha County Deserving of Recognition for Volunteer Efforts**

(October 20, 2011) – Waukesha, WI – Volunteer efforts in Waukesha County are turning heads, and rightfully so.

Inspired by National Day of Service and Remembrance, the United Way Volunteer Center set a goal to record 911 volunteer hours during the month of September as a means to pay tribute to the now historic milestone date of September 11. The result: volunteer efforts surpassed the agency’s goal by nearly ten fold.

“More than 9,111 volunteer hours were reported to us by twenty two agencies throughout Waukesha County,” said Lori Hayes, Division Manager of the Volunteer Center, “and that doesn’t include the countless agencies that advertise volunteer opportunities.”

The top agencies turning heads with more than 1,000 volunteer hours each include The Women’s Center, National MS Society, Hope Center and Waukesha County Parks System.

“Volunteers are a great asset for the Waukesha County Park System,” said Waukesha County Executive Dan Vrakas. “From litter pick up to invasive species control, the volunteers are directly involved in the preservation of our great County parks.”

The United Way Volunteer Center, a clearinghouse for hundreds of volunteer opportunities, partners with more than 70 non-profit agencies in the southeastern Wisconsin area to support and facilitate rewarding volunteer experiences.

“This is a perfect example of the good that can come from organizations working together to promote and recognize volunteer efforts in our community,” said Hayes.

The Volunteer Center is currently promoting Make a Difference Day, the nation’s largest day of volunteering. For more information, visit *MakeADifferenceDay.com*. To access volunteer opportunities in Waukesha County, for Make a Difference Day, visit the Volunteer page of United Way’s website, *UnitedWayWaukesha.org*, or call (262) 547-8459.

**About United Way**

United Way in Waukesha County is a community-based non profit that identifies and addresses local health and human service needs by raising resources necessary to positively impact lives and conditions. The organization’s annual fall fundraising drive will run through December 30, 2011. For more information, contact the United Way in Waukesha County office at (262) 547-8459 or visit [www.UnitedWayWaukesha.org](http://www.UnitedWayWaukesha.org).

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