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### **UNITED WAY REVIEWED 2008 AT ANNUAL MEETING VOLUNTEERS AND PARTNERS HONORED WITH SPECIAL AWARDS**

United Way of Southwestern Indiana held its Annual Meeting this Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at The Centre in Downtown Evansville. The organization reviewed 2008 accomplishments, honored volunteers and elected new board members.

The Spirit of United Way Awards, the most prestigious award offered by the organization each year, was presented to **Susie Hartig and the Staff of Legal Aid Society** and to **Keller Schroeder**. United Way typically honors one individual and one corporate partner with the Spirit Awards for providing a strong history of leadership and support to United Way.

Mike Vea, 2008 Campaign Cabinet Chair, honored volunteers and partners with the presentation of the LIVE UNITED awards in categories GIVE, ADVOCATE, and VOLUNTEER.

**GIVE:** **Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation**, Increase of 45%  
**Andy Goebel**, Helped raise \$250,000 match for the Early Childhood Development Coalition

**ADVOCATE:** **Representative Suzanne Crouch, Senator Vaneta Becker and Senator Bob Deig** for supporting FSSA reform and early childhood issues.

**VOLUNTEER:** **Mary Jo Huff**, Literacy and Storytelling volunteer  
**Len Winiger**, 23 years of Service to United Way  
**Amy Casavant**, Volunteer and Supporter of United Way's Volunteer Action Center

Mike Vea also announced United Way's fundraising total for the 2008 campaign. The campaign raised \$4.5 million. Among the successes in the campaign were the Pacesetters, workplaces that conduct an early campaign, who as a group increased corporate and employee giving by 12%. Leadership giving also remained strong. The Keel Club consists of members donating \$1,000 or more to United Way. This group set and surpassed a goal of raising \$1.7 million.

Brent Wilson, of HUB Insurance Services and United Way Board Chair, recognized outgoing board members and presented nominees to be elected. New board members elected include **Larry May** of Keller Schroeder, **Kyle Dodd** of First Federal Savings, **Chanelle Ragland** of SICAN, **Peter Weber** of Keller Crescent, **Maura Robinson** of MG Robinson, **Brad Muehlbauer** of Koch Air and **Marian Weilert Sauvey** of Atlas Van Lines. **Sister Darlene Boyd**, St. Mary's Medical Center was re-elected to another three-year term.

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United Way of Southwestern Indiana is working to advance the common good by focusing on education, income and health. These are the building blocks for a good life – a quality education that leads to a stable job, enough income to support a family through retirement and good health. Our goal is to create long-lasting changes that prevent problems from happening in the first place.

United Way of Southwestern Indiana serves Vanderburgh, Warrick and Spencer Counties. GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER. LIVE UNITED. For more information, visit [www.unitedwayswi.org](http://www.unitedwayswi.org).

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