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LOCAL UNITED WAY DONATES TO AMERICAN RED CROSS

WENTWORTH, NC, SEPTEMBER 9, 2005: United Way of Rockingham County president Mike Martini announced today that it has donated \$10,000 to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina. The money was presented September 9 to Jana Nowell, executive director of the Rockingham County Chapter of the American Red Cross. The donation will be used to offer relief and recovery for those who survived the worst natural disaster in our nation's history.

“The effects of this disaster will be felt for a long time and could even have an impact here in Rockingham County,” stated Martini. “We have always supported the Rockingham County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Not only are they assisting the victims of Hurricane Katrina, but they continue to provide the vital services of disaster relief at home.”

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In the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks four years ago, United Way of Rockingham County made a \$10,000 donation to the United Way of America September 11 Fund using money from their reserve account. According to executive director Richard K. Hurley, these donations are not taken out of current campaign funds. “It’s because of the past generosity of the people of Rockingham County that we are able to set up these reserves for just this type of event.”

United Way of Rockingham County is an IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in the county seat of Wentworth, NC and continues to build financial as well as organizational support for the 21 member agencies serving the Rockingham County community, including the Rockingham County Chapter of the American Red Cross. For more information, contact UWRC at (336) 342-7768 or on the web at www.uwrockingham.org.

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