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LOCAL UNITED WAY GIVES AWAY CAR

WENTWORTH, NC, NOVEMBER 9, 2005: Mrs. Mary Hux, a retired school teacher and librarian from Rockingham County Schools, became the grand prize winner of a new PT Cruiser in the United Way of Rockingham County's car giveaway. Dr. Bob Shackelford, United Way's 2005 campaign chair, reached into a barrel containing the names of four finalists and drew the name of the Wentworth resident during a ceremony at the Rockingham County Agricultural Center on Wednesday.

When asked if she slept well last night, Hux stated, "I just said my prayers and went to bed, and left the rest up to the good Lord." Hux has been a long-time supporter of United Way of Rockingham County both as a school employee and retiree.

All donors who gave a contribution of \$52 or more to United Way of Rockingham County were eligible to enter. Officials reported that more than 4,800 entries were submitted in the car giveaway.

Four finalists were drawn—Cheryl Smith, Michael Roskelly, Carol Helms and Mary Hux—and were entered into the grand prize drawing on November 9. The winner was drawn during United Way's Mid-Campaign Report meeting. Mrs. Hux was then allowed to draw at random one of four cars offered by local dealers.

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Four local auto dealers joined together to provide the car to help raise money for United Way of Rockingham County. Barber-Pauley Chevrolet of Madison, Ralph Barrow Automobiles of Eden, Smith Stokes Chrysler and GM Central of Reidsville, and Tri-City Ford Lincoln Mercury of Eden each participated in the first-ever car giveaway for United Way of Rockingham County.

During the meeting, Shackleford announced that United Way of Rockingham County has already raised \$620,150—more than 56 percent of the \$1.1 million dollars it is seeking this year. “This car giveaway has caused great excitement in the campaign, and helped raise at least \$30,505 new dollars,” Shackleford stated. He urged the attendees not to become complacent, however, adding that increasing energy prices and impending cold weather have already increased demands on United Way’s 21 partner agencies.

Executive Director Richard Hurley says he is pleased with the results so far, but there is still a long way to go. “Reaching our campaign goal matters because it allows United Way and its agencies to improve our lives and the lives of over 30,000 of our neighbors in Rockingham County,” Hurley added.

As part of this year’s campaign, United Way of Rockingham County added the car giveaway to help give an extra incentive to support the organization. In addition, Subway is giving away coupons for a free Subway sandwich to anyone who donates to United Way of Rockingham County. Rockingham County Subways have given away more than \$40,000 worth of sandwiches since the program began several years ago.

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. For more information, contact UWRC at (336) 342-7768 or on the web at www.uwrockingham.org.

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