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Solano County-Based Foundation Library and Children's Health Initiative Receive United Way Funding

SAN FRANCISCO, November 28, 2005 – United Way of the Bay Area (UWBA) announced today that it has issued grants through its Bay Area Community Fund to the Solano Community Foundation-United Way of the Bay Area Cooperating Collection and Capacity Building Project, and Solano Children's Health Initiative. The Fund is focused on preventing poverty and strengthening vital community services.

The grants, approved by the UWBA Board of Directors at its Nov. 17 meeting, will support these initiatives in the following ways:

Solano Community Foundation-United Way of the Bay Area Cooperating Collection and Capacity Building Project – The Cooperating Collection of the Foundation Center Library will be an information center that offers Solano County nonprofits and their boards free of charge the latest relevant data and training opportunities to help them become successful grant seekers and effective nonprofits.

Solano Children's Health Initiative – The Initiative is an enrollment and retention project of the Solano coalition for Better Health to ensure that all Solano County children, from newborn to age 18, have access to and are enrolled in a health insurance program. Solano County has one the lowest rates of uninsured children in the state. These monies will help ensure that the remaining uncovered youngsters, 3,000 total, will receive insurance.

"United Way is proud to direct grant money to these top-performing programs," said Anne Wilson, CEO, United Way of the Bay Area. "These organizations are great community partners: The Foundation Center will help Solano nonprofits' ability to provide continued quality services, and the Solano Health Initiative is helping increase access to health care for children."

United Way of the Bay Area is the largest private funder of health and human services in Northern California. Our mission is to be the catalyst that enables people to strengthen their communities by investing in one another. Through the Bay Area Community Fund, United Way is creating meaningful change in local neighborhoods through targeted investments in early childhood development, affordable health insurance, youth violence prevention, increasing opportunities for the working poor and helping people in times of crisis. For more information, please visit www.uwba.org.

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