



## Press Release

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### **Chevron Donates \$1 Million to Help United Way Expand 2-1-1 in Bay Area**

SAN FRANCISCO, February 28, 2007 -- United Way of the Bay Area (UWBA) is pleased to announce that Chevron has donated \$1 million to support the expansion of 2-1-1 phone service in the Bay Area. Chevron is the first regional contributor to 2-1-1. UWBA is working to raise another \$6.5 million to launch and operate 2-1-1 in seven Bay Area counties over the next five years.

A service of United Way, 2-1-1 is a toll-free, easy-to-remember phone number that connects people with important community services, such as child care, flu-shot information, employment assistance, counseling, food, shelter and more. Available 24 hours a day in more than 150 languages, 2-1-1 is also an integral component of disaster-response infrastructure. In times of disaster, 2-1-1 significantly alleviates non-emergency calls to 9-1-1 and serves as a vital link for individuals seeking to provide resources or volunteer.

Nationally, 2-1-1 serves 65 percent of the American public. Locally, 2-1-1 reaches two Bay Area Counties: United Way launched 2-1-1 in San Francisco in March 2006, and in Santa Clara County in February 2007.

“From monumental disasters like Hurricane Katrina, to everyday calls for after-school programs and flu-shot information, 2-1-1 has proved its importance,” said Anne Wilson, CEO of United Way of the Bay Area. “Chevron’s generous gift will help United Way and its partners expand access to this invaluable tool to more Bay Area residents. I want to extend a special thanks to Chevron Vice Chairman Peter Robertson for his personal efforts to engage business and community leaders in supporting 2-1-1.”

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Commenting on the gift, Robertson said, “We applaud United Way of the Bay Area for spearheading the expansion of this vital service across the region. 2-1-1 plays a crucial role in supporting communities, particularly in crisis situations, such as an earthquake, by linking people with community services and reducing the burden on emergency services. Chevron’s 6,400 Bay Area employees will benefit directly from the important community referral service that 2-1-1 provides.”

Chevron is a long-time supporter of United Way of the Bay Area, serving on the board of directors for several years, championing participation in United Way’s annual Week of Caring, and providing lead sponsorship for Bridging Communities 2007. Over the last three years, Chevron employees have contributed over \$7 million dollars to the community through United Way fundraising campaigns.

### **About 2-1-1**

For every day needs, and in times of crisis, 2-1-1 is an easy-to-remember, toll-free phone number that connects Bay Area residents with community services, such as food, shelter, counseling, employment assistance, quality child care and more. Operated in the Bay Area by United Way, Eden Information & Referral and Contra Costa Crisis Center, 2-1-1 is confidential and available 24 hours a day in more than 150 languages. 2-1-1 also serves as a vital link for individuals seeking to provide resources and volunteer during times of crisis. United Way’s introduction of 2-1-1 in San Francisco and Santa Clara Counties is part of a regional plan to establish 2-1-1 service throughout the Bay Area. Callers can also reach United Way’s 2-1-1 by dialing 800-273-6222. Learn more at [www.211bayarea.org](http://www.211bayarea.org).

### **About United Way of the Bay Area**

United Way of the Bay Area (UWBA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to community impact. UWBA serves Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo and Solano Counties. 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 supports more than 250 local programs that fight poverty and create opportunities for children, youth, families and neighborhoods to thrive. For more information, visit [www.uwba.org](http://www.uwba.org).

### **About Chevron**

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