

# Press Release



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## **Chevron Wins United Way's Spirit of the Bay Award**

*Highest tribute recognizes Chevron employees' commitment to community and 2-1-1 leadership.*

Oakland, May 20, 2008 –United Way of the Bay Area honored Chevron Corporation with its highest philanthropic award The Spirit of the Bay. This prestigious award is presented annually to the Bay Area business that exceeds all others in community involvement. Companies are judged in six categories: Employee Giving Campaign, Volunteer Programs, Corporate Contributions, Innovative Partnerships, Senior Leadership Involvement and Major Gifts.

"Earning the Spirit of the Bay Award is a tribute honoring the extraordinary generosity and compassion demonstrated by Chevron, its leadership and employees," said United Way of the Bay Area CEO Anne Wilson. "The company's \$1 million contribution to support the expansion of 2-1-1 has helped thousands of people access community information, from after school programs and flu shots to emergency assistance in times of disaster. Also of great importance is the strong leadership role Chevron Vice Chairman Peter Robertson has played as our Campaign Cabinet Chair and a board member in helping United Way meet its fundraising goals for the Bay Area community."

Building on the company's tradition of giving, Chevron's Bay Area employees pledged more than \$2.5 million during last fall's giving campaign to all non-profits. Combined with a corporate gift to United Way of the Bay Area, the total amount pledged by employees and the Corporation exceeds \$4 million.

"This award is a tremendous honor for Chevron," said Robertson. "Chevron has given to United Way throughout its history, and we are pleased to continue that support today, having supported the organization's recent expansion of 2-1-1 throughout the region. Communities

across the Bay Area are stronger because of the support they receive from United Way, and I'm proud that our employees help continue that tradition with their generous contributions and volunteer time."

Chevron has been working with United Way for 75 years. In 2007, more than 2,750 Chevron employees logged over 10,000 volunteer hours at 300 community projects during the Week of Caring.

"Our employees care about and give in the community," said Lucretia Weiner, who is responsible for overseeing Chevron's employee involvement activities with United Way. "Their generous contributions of both time and resources to advance the work of local nonprofits are a few examples of how our employees are driven to make tomorrow better."

In addition to the Spirit of the Bay award, United Way also presented awards to 38 companies in recognition of their contribution in specific categories of United Way support. This year's award winners were:

- **Excellence in Community Collaboration Award:** 2-1-1 Bay Area partners - Contra Costa Crisis Center; Eden I&R; HELPLINK – United Way of the Bay Area
- **Gold Medal Winners:** Chevron Corporation; BRE Properties, Inc.; UPS
- **Silver Medal Winner:** Enterprise Rent-a-Car; Bank of America; Valero Benicia Refinery; Nordstrom; Comcast Cable; Wells Fargo; New United Motor Manufacturing Inc; Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP; Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP; The DOW Chemical Company; and Gordon & Rees LLP
- **Bronze Medal Winners:** Federal Express; GPSG A Unit of ALZA Corporation; Target Corporation; Dodge & Cox, Inc; AT &T Corporation; SamTrans; Bay Area Newsgroup; and Bloomingdale's
- **Anchor Awards** recognize those companies that had more than 50% employee participation, 50% or \$100,000 in employee giving, and donated their corporate gift to United Way's Bay Area Community Fund: ACCO Engineered Systems; Ball Metal Container Group; Costco; Dodge & Cox, Inc; ITW Signode Western Operations; ITW J&B Aviation; Men

and Women of Organized Labor; UPS; Valero Benicia Refinery; and Wells Fargo Bank & Company

- **Special Recognition:** California State Employees Charitable Campaign, Deloitte and Wachovia Corporation

### **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. United Way also operates 2-1-1 phone service in several Bay Area Counties. 2-1-1 is an easy-to-remember phone number that connects people in need — as well as individuals seeking to give — with community services. For more information, visit [www.uwba.org](http://www.uwba.org).