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Victoria County United Way Meets National Membership Requirements

VICTORIA, TEXAS (July 27, 2009) – Clifford Grimes, Executive Director, announced that Victoria County United Way has successfully completed all of United Way’s national membership requirements by their respective due dates. The annual certification process includes completing the Membership Requirements Certification, Membership Investment to support the national office, and a survey of Total Resources Generated (a survey that captures the full extent of a community’s resource development efforts during the year). Over and above the annual requirements, Victoria County completed a mandatory organizational self-assessment as part of this process.

“The membership requirements must be certified annually in order for us to remain a member of United Way,” stated Executive Director, Clifford Grimes. “It is important for us to maintain high standards of accountability, and this is part of the process to confirm that our operations are transparent and meet or exceed United Way membership requirements.”

The board of Victoria County United Way reviewed and approved the Membership Requirements Certification on April 30, 2009. The certification mandates completion of 13 requirements for United Way membership along with verification of 47 indicators that demonstrates compliance of the membership requirements (as examples, conflict of interest policies, a minimum of quarterly board meetings).

“All United Ways must meet the highest standards and verify on paper that they have conformed to the requirements of membership in the United Way system,” said Brian Gallagher, president and CEO, United Way. “We applaud Victoria County United Way’s commitment to accountability and, importantly, their continued efforts to support work in their community which improves lives and advances the common good for all people.”

As an integral part of Victoria and DeWitt counties, Victoria County United Way improves lives by working to advance the “common good” of the communities it serves by focusing on education, income and health through the programs and services provided by twenty partner agencies.



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Victoria County United Way is part of a worldwide network in 46 countries and territories, including 1,277 local organizations in the U.S. Each local United Way must complete United Way's requirements annually in order to retain its United Way membership.

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*Victoria County United Way creates opportunities for everyone to become involved by focusing on the building blocks for a good life...**Education**, helping individuals achieve their potential through education; **Income**, helping families become financially stable and independent; **Health**, improving people's health. A board of directors comprised of local residents governs Victoria County United Way. We invite you to be part of the change. Together, united, we can inspire hope and create opportunities for a better tomorrow.*

GIVE.

*Invest to make a difference. By giving to the **Victoria County United Way**, you help address the most pressing needs in Victoria and Dewitt counties. If your company has not run a United Way campaign in the past and would like to participate, please contact us at 361.578.356.*

ADVOCATE.

Lend your voice. Get informed. Tell your friends. Participate in a cause that concerns you. United Way needs people who are passionate about education, income and health to make a difference.

VOLUNTEER.

United Way works with twenty partner agencies to develop volunteer opportunities for youth, busy working adults and seniors. Our partner agencies offer a wide range of opportunities for groups, and you can choose the causes that are most meaningful to you. Find a way to lend your skills by calling Victoria County United Way at 361.578.356.