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Wells Fargo Recognized by United Way of America

ALEXANDRIA, VA and SIOUX Falls, SD (May 18, 2009) – A national company with local ties was recently recognized for their community involvement. United Way of America honored Wells Fargo & Company with two Summit Awards, part of its Spirit of America Awards program, recognizing the company's outstanding commitment to Community Impact and Community Volunteerism.

"In this challenging economic climate, it's more important than ever to have partners like Wells Fargo," said Brian Gallagher, president and CEO of United Way. "United Way is proud to recognize Wells Fargo and its team members for their leadership, generosity and volunteer commitment that continue to strengthen communities nationwide."

Wells Fargo team members volunteered 787,772 hours in 2008, including building 170 homes and volunteering more than 4,000 hours to provide free tax preparation and help individuals claim the earned income tax credit. They also raised more than \$35 million for nonprofit organizations during the annual Community Support and United Way Campaign.

Locally, Wells Fargo made up 8% of Sioux Empire United Way's most recent \$9.3 million campaign – contributing over \$776,000 primarily from employee giving. Wells Fargo employees also contribute countless volunteer hours in the Sioux Empire, with over 100 employees volunteering for United Way alone.

"We are thrilled that Wells Fargo has been recognized nationally for their community involvement," said Jay Powell, Sioux Empire United Way President. "Locally, Wells Fargo has partnered with United Way for many years, recognizing the importance of being involved in our community, by giving and volunteering."

The United Way Spirit of America® and Summit Awards Program, now in its 22nd year, is United Way's highest national honor for a corporation, recognizing the United Way National Corporate Leadership company with the most comprehensive commitment to improving lives and strengthening communities. Applicants are evaluated by corporate peers, labor representatives and local United Ways.

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