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United Way Day of Action June 21, 2009 Celebrates Fathers

– Across the Nation, Families Will Come Out in Force to Volunteer Together –

Alexandria, VA (June 19, 2009) – Sunday, on Father’s Day, volunteers from every state across the country will join [United Way](#) in the second annual [United Way Day of Action](#). This year’s event will celebrate fathers by encouraging families to spend time volunteering together.

“When parents set an example by donating their time and talent to make a difference, they teach their children important lessons about social responsibility and community service. Volunteering also helps young people learn practical and social skills that increase self-esteem,” said Brian Gallagher, president and CEO of United Way. “I can’t think of a better way to spend Father’s Day than volunteering together, as a family, to improve your community.”

The second annual United Way Day of Action will mobilize volunteers in the areas of education, income and health, with a spotlight this year on education. United Way has put [stakes in the ground in each of these three areas](#) and the goal in education is to cut the number of high school dropouts in half by 2018. United Ways from Maine to Hawaii and Oregon to Florida will lead family volunteers in projects like *Stuff the Bus*, which provides school supplies to students in need. Major cities across the country hosting education-related activities today include Philadelphia, San Diego, St. Louis, Terre Haute, Nashville, New Haven, Orlando, Honolulu and Daytona Beach.

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People can take action right from their desks through virtual events like [eDay of Action](#) to join projects related to education, or to sign a cyber-petition in support of [United Way 2-1-1](#) (a phone number people can call to give or get help).

Communities all across the country are celebrating their fathers while taking action Sunday – demonstrating how they LIVE UNITED™ by giving, advocating and volunteering in the areas of education, income and health.

For information about events across the country, or to look for ongoing opportunities to take action through giving, advocating and volunteering, go to <http://liveunited.org>.

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About United Way

United Way is a worldwide network in 46 countries and territories, including nearly 1,300 local organizations in the U.S., that advances the common good, creating opportunities for a better life for all by focusing on the three key building blocks of education, income and health. The United Way movement creates long lasting community change by addressing the underlying causes of problems that prevent progress in these areas. LIVE UNITED is a call to action for everyone to become a part of the change. For more information about United Way, please visit: LIVEUNITED.org.