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## **United Way of America Recognizes Kimberly-Clark Corporation As Recipient of Summit Award**

*-- Kimberly-Clark Honored at 2006 United Way Community Leaders Conference --*

Denver, CO (May 18, 2006) – United Way of America (UWA) today honored Kimberly-Clark Corporation as a Summit Award recipient of its coveted Spirit of America<sup>®</sup> Award program, recognizing the company’s outstanding commitment to improve lives in local communities. UWA recognized Kimberly-Clark at its national United Way Community Leaders Conference in Denver, Colorado as a Summit Award recipient for Corporate Community Investment.

The Spirit of America<sup>®</sup> Awards program is United Way’s highest tribute for corporate community involvement. Spirit of America and Summit Award recipients are judged on detailed criteria in four categories: Employee Community Investment, Corporate Community Investment, Community Leadership and Employee Community Engagement. The Spirit of America winner excels in each of these four categories. Summit Awards are presented to companies that excel in one or more of these areas.

In keeping with its business mission to enhance the health, hygiene and well-being of people around the world every day, Kimberly-Clark uses the same philosophy when it comes to its philanthropy. Kimberly-Clark supports organizations that are designed and dedicated to improving the lives of the world’s families. Built on a culture of caring, Kimberly-Clark provides charitable resources to organizations and programs that provide vital information resources and services that strengthen today’s families; that involve parents and others in activities that help children grow physically, mentally and socially; and that develop creative caring options to cope with the issues facing older relatives.

“Kimberly-Clark has done an outstanding job promoting support for United Way among its employees and the contributions they’ve made speak for themselves,” said UWA President and CEO Brian A. Gallagher. “Together, Kimberly-Clark and United Way can focus resources on the most pressing problems in local communities to change people’s lives for the better.”

“Caring is what we do – and who we are. Whether we’re helping a mom care for her newborn baby, helping families with colds and flu, or assisting the victims of tsunamis or hurricanes – taking care of people is our business and our passion,” said Thomas J. Falk, Kimberly-Clark Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. “What’s especially gratifying about this award is that the United Way of America has recognized the caring spirit of our people and our company.”

United Way of America awarded its 19<sup>th</sup> annual Spirit of America Award – its highest honor for a company’s outstanding commitment to local communities – to Principal Financial. In addition to the Spirit of America Award, United Way presented Summit Awards to:

- DaimlerChrysler – Corporate Community Investment and Employee Community Investment
- Duke Energy – Employee Community Engagement
- General Mills – Corporate Community Investment and Employee Community Engagement
- Kellogg’s – Employee Community Investment
- Microsoft Corporation– Employee Community Engagement
- Xcel Energy – Community Leadership

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#### **About United Way of America**

*United Way of America is the national organization dedicated to leading the United Way movement in making a measurable impact in every community across America by focusing on the root causes of the most serious problems. The United Way movement includes over 1,300 community-based United Way organizations. Each is independent, separately incorporated, and governed by local volunteers. For more information about United Way of America, please visit: [www.unitedway.org](http://www.unitedway.org).*

#### **About Kimberly-Clark**

*Kimberly-Clark and its well-known global brands are an indispensable part of life for people in more than 150 countries. Every day, 1.3 billion people—nearly a quarter of the world's population—trust K-C brands and the solutions they provide to enhance their health, hygiene and well-being. With brands such as Kleenex, Scott, Huggies, Pull-Ups, Kotex and Depend, Kimberly-Clark holds the No. 1 or No. 2 share position in more than 80 countries. To keep up with the latest K-C news and to learn more about the company's 134-year history of innovation, visit [www.kimberly-clark.com](http://www.kimberly-clark.com)*