

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Media Contact: Sally Fabens
sally.fabens@uwa.unitedway.org
 703-836-7112, x 401

**UNITED WAY HONORS TWO
 DISTINGUISHED COUPLES WITH
 NATIONAL AWARD FOR
 PHILANTHROPY AND VOLUNTEERISM**

**— 2008 United Way Tocqueville Society
 Award Recognizes J. Wayne and Delores Barr
 Weaver and John E. and Francie G. Pepper —**



The Weavers (l) and the Peppers (r) with United Way President and CEO Brian Gallagher

Alexandria, VA (November 21, 2008) – [United Way](#) awarded J. Wayne and Delores Barr Weaver of Jacksonville, Florida and John E. and Francie Garber Pepper of Cincinnati, Ohio the 2008 [National United Way Tocqueville Society Award](#) last night at the St. Regis Hotel in New York City. In winning United Way’s highest honor for volunteers, the Weavers and the Peppers join a distinguished list of previous recipients, including former Presidents Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter, Bob Hope, the Gates family, John Glenn and Henry Ford II.

Mr. and Mrs. Weaver, owners of the [Jacksonville Jaguars](#), received this award during the 35th anniversary of both the United Way/NFL partnership and the creation of the United Way Tocqueville Society. Their philanthropic activities extend to more than 20 initiatives in Northeast Florida and across the nation.

Mr. and Mrs. Pepper are well-recognized community leaders, philanthropists and mentors in Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Pepper is the retired chairman and CEO of [The Procter & Gamble Company](#). The Peppers’ leadership on issues related to children, women and combating racism reaches to the local, national and international levels.

“The Peppers and the Weavers exemplify the philanthropic spirit of the United Way Tocqueville Society,” said Brian Gallagher, president and CEO of United Way. “Their passionate leadership and personal commitment to advancing the common good in their communities and around the world is inspirational to us all.”

The [National United Way Tocqueville Society](#) and United Way's most prestigious national award are named for [Alexis de Tocqueville](#); a French historian who traveled to America in the 1800's where he observed a spirit of voluntary association and effort for the common good. He enthusiastically wrote about how Americans reached out to help one another in *Democracy in America* in 1835.

To learn more about United Way and the United Way Tocqueville Society, visit: [LiveUnited.org](#).

###

About United Way

United Way is a global network, including nearly 1,300 local organizations in the U.S. that advance 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 multi-media campaign, created pro bono by McCann Erickson New York and launched with the support of The Advertising Council, that provides resources designed to motivate people to give back to their communities. Opportunities to take action through giving, advocating and volunteering can be found at [LIVEUNITED.org](#).