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United Way of York County completes United Way's national membership requirements for 2009

York, PA (July 27, 2009) –Robert J. Woods, executive director, announced that United Way of York County 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, United Way of York County completed a mandatory organizational self-assessment in 2009 as part of this process.

"The membership requirements must be certified annually in order for us to remain a member of United Way," stated Mr. Woods. "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 United Way Board of Directors reviewed and approved the Membership Requirements Certification on June 15, 2009. The certification mandates completion of 13 requirements for United Way membership along with verification of the status of 63 indicators that a United Way demonstrates the intent of the membership requirements (i.e., conflict of interest policies, number of board meetings, etc.).

"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 of America. "We applaud United Way of York County's commitment to accountability and, most importantly, their continued efforts to support work in their community which improves lives and advances the common good for all people."

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

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The United Way of York County's mission is to improve people's lives by building a strong community through financial generosity, volunteerism, and civic engagement. For information about the United Way of York County, or to look for ongoing opportunities to take action through giving, advocating and volunteering, go to <http://www.unitedway-york.org/>.