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Greater Cleveland

## Spotlight shines on Edward Icove

Many United Way of Greater Cleveland supporters gathered to celebrate the organization's 2008 Campaign and hear its report to the community at the Annual Meeting on March 6, 2009. Nearly 1,200 people attended the event held at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel, and United Way had the honor of recognizing the hard work, generosity and vision of its volunteers who demonstrated to our community the meaning of what it is to "Live United."

In the past year, United Way volunteers accomplished tasks of enormous value to the community. Among those accomplishments was the implementation of a volunteer-driven initiative of historic significance—a new community investment strategy more than six years in the making. Community investment volunteers gave their time to review 432 proposals from local agencies and develop strategies that will positively impact the lives of Greater Clevelanders for years to come.

Additionally, nearly 2,000 volunteers representing 47 organizations provided much-needed renovations and services at 32 United Way partner agencies through the organization's Days of Caring program. And some 200 volunteers of the Community Vision Council managed multiple community projects to stimulate long-term solutions to persistent social problems and closely monitored last year's investments of more than \$1 million.

This year's Spotlight Volunteers, who were individually honored at the Annual Meeting, provided invaluable assistance

to United Way partner and newly funded agencies in 2008, performing a multitude of community service tasks.

"The volunteers we recognize today are a community treasure. Their selfless efforts of service to others are an inspiration and a reminder that we can all make a positive difference in Greater Cleveland through the power of volunteerism," said Sandra Pianalto, United Way of Greater Cleveland Chairman of the Board.

Edward Icove was honored at United Way's Annual Meeting as the Spotlight Volunteer for The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland. Mr. Icove's 32 years of volunteer service has made a real difference in the lives of people served by this agency.

"Mr. Icove is a lifetime volunteer for Legal Aid," said Colleen Cotter, Executive Director. "An example of his dedication is that he was the first private attorney to volunteer in a program announced by Chief Justice Moyer of the Ohio Supreme Court in 2008 to help prevent home foreclosures."

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland is pleased to nominate Mr. Icove as this year's Spotlight Volunteer.

The Spotlight Volunteers donated their time and service at one of the 126 United Way-supported health and human service agencies in Greater Cleveland. Each agency has the opportunity to select one volunteer to be recognized for exemplary service. These volunteers are a vital part of United Way's efforts to positively affect the lives of more than 400,000 Greater Cleveland residents each year.



Sandra Pianalto  
Chairman  
Board of Directors  
United Way of  
Greater Cleveland  
President and CEO  
Federal Reserve Bank  
of Cleveland

*"Our Spotlight Volunteers truly know the meaning of what it is to 'Live United.' Through their tireless volunteer work at United Way-supported agencies, they have demonstrated a deep pride in our community. In turn, they are a great source of pride to us, and we are grateful for their time and efforts."*



K. Michael Benz  
President and CEO  
United Way of  
Greater Cleveland

*"Every day I'm thankful for the tireless work and dedication of our community volunteers. And our Spotlight Volunteers distinguish themselves as among the very best. United Way honors your outstanding public service and truly appreciates the good work you do to help so many in need in our community."*