



**United Way
of Monroe County**

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United Way Earns National Certification

Barry Lessow, Executive Director of United Way of Monroe County, announced that the agency has successfully completed all 2006 United Way of America membership requirements.

“It is important for us to maintain a high standard of accountability and this is part of the process to document that our operations meet or exceed United Way membership criteria requirements,” stated Lessow. “The membership standards must be certified annually in order for us to remain a member of the United Way system.”

“It is critically important that all United Ways meet the highest standards and verify on paper that they have conformed to the stringent requirements of membership in the United Way system,” stated Brian Gallagher, President and CEO, United Way of America. “We applaud and congratulate United Way of Monroe County for demonstrating their commitment.”

United Way of Monroe County is a nonprofit organization that improves people's lives by engaging the caring power of our community. Through community partnerships, United Way works to ensure that Monroe County residents have access to sufficient food, housing, health care and emergency services. United Way also invests in programs that strengthen children and youth, support efforts for seniors to remain independent, and promote workforce preparation.

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