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United Way Presents Annual Champions of Caring Award

The sixth annual “Champions of Caring” awards will be presented at United Way of Central Minnesota’s annual meeting on Friday, September 12, 2008 at 7:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn. The award is given to both an organization and an individual who exemplify community partnership and collaboration in improving people’s lives in Central Minnesota.

This year’s individual recipient is John Wertz, retired teacher with District 742 and community volunteer. Wertz has demonstrated leadership on several local non-profit boards including the YMCA, Create CommUNITY Steering Committee, United Way’s Fund Distribution team and a past member of the United Way of Central Minnesota Board of Directors. John will be honored for his community engagement, collaborative spirit and volunteerism.

The community partnership award will be presented to Whitney Senior Center’s “Whitney Without Walls” program. This initiative exemplifies community impact by creating an innovative service delivery system to reach older adults where they live.

United Way of Central Minnesota will also share 2007/08 accomplishments, recognize retiring board members, welcome new members, provide a financial picture of the organization and highlight how the organization works to Advance the Common Good.

Contact the United Way of Central Minnesota office to make a reservation by calling 320-252-0227 or by registering on the website at www.unitedwayhelps.org.

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