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**UNITED WAY OF MCLEAN COUNTY
RECOGNIZES VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP AND OUTSTANDING AGENCIES**

(Bloomington, IL 3/16/11) United Way of McLean County's 2011 Awards Reception was held yesterday in the Club Lounge at the U.S. Cellular Coliseum in Bloomington. The purpose of the event was to recognize retiring board members and present the Philip Covey Memorial Award of Excellence.

United Way of McLean County recognized the following retiring board members for their service to the organization: Stephanie Barisch, Catholic Charities (2010); Bill Erlenbush, GROWMARK (2009-2010); Cory Heim, State Farm Insurance Companies (2009-2010); Mark Peterson, Town of Normal (2008-2010); and Karen Zangerle, P.A.T.H. (2009-2010).

Special recognition was also given to the following volunteers for their leadership roles at United Way: Bill Erlenbush, Treasurer and Finance & Administration Committee Chair (2009-2010) and Cory Heim, Community Impact Cabinet Chair (2009 – 2010).

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The Philip Covey Memorial Award of Excellence was established in 1995 in honor of Phil Covey, son of Harold Covey who is a long-time supporter of United Way of McLean County. Each year this special award is presented to an outstanding social service agency. To be considered for this year's award, United Way partner agencies submitted applications describing how their agency has helped to advance the common good in McLean County over the past year. The 2011 Philip Covey Memorial Award of Excellence was presented to the American Red Cross of the Heartland for best demonstrating how their work over the past year has advanced the common good in our community. The agency received a special commemorative plaque and a check for \$1,500.

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