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During United Way Day of Caring, Everyone Wins
1000 volunteers participate in 4th Annual Spring Day of Caring, May 13th, 2009

Greater Seacoast Region – One thousand volunteers spent the day making a difference across the Greater Seacoast region Wednesday, May 13th up from 800 volunteers in 2008. Organized by United Way of the Greater Seacoast, the 4th Annual United Way Spring Day of Caring enables volunteer teams from local businesses and community organizations to complete one-time service projects to benefit area non-profit agencies and their clients.

Thirty groups of volunteers from businesses and the community will work with 45 non-profits across the region on projects including a variety of landscaping, painting, building, cleaning, repairing, and trail-clearing activities. Approximately \$20,250 in volunteer time was donated during the day.

Liza Dube, United Way spokesperson, highlighted the many kinds of benefits gained during the day, “Day of Caring is a win-win-win situation for our community. Nonprofits benefit from having services performed that they otherwise couldn’t afford, volunteers have a great time giving back, and businesses benefit from stronger teams and happy employees.”

“United Way believes that our community is stronger when we live united and give, advocate and volunteer,” Dube said. “By making connections between business, individuals and nonprofits, we’re creating a strong foundation in our community in order to make real, lasting changes.

Sponsors for the event include: Gold Sponsors (\$10,000) Liberty Mutual; Silver Sponsors (\$4,000) Citizen’s Bank, Bottomline Technologies; Bronze Sponsors (\$1,500) Timberland, Unutil, Exeter Health Resources, FPL Energy Seabrook Station, Newmarket International, Public Service of NH, Sprague Energy, Heinemann, Lonza Biologics.

PHOTO: Volunteers from Liberty Mutual take a break from clearing the grounds at Homemakers Heath Services in Rochester during the Spring 2008 United Way Day of Caring.

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