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**Vitronics Soltec gives back to community through first ever United Way of the Greater Seacoast campaign and corporate match**

STRATHAM, NH - In spite of the challenging economy across the globe, Stratham, New Hampshire based company Vitronics Soltec (a subsidiary of Illinois Tool Works (ITW) is keeping its local community in mind. This year, as many companies have reduced philanthropic programs, Vitronics Soltec ran its first ever United Way of the Greater Seacoast fundraising campaign.

Sue Suter, Executive Director of United Way of the Greater Seacoast applauded the company's generosity. "During hard economic times people tend to pull back on philanthropic giving. It's during these times, more than any other, that we rely on companies like Vitronics Soltec to step up and contribute."

In addition to providing employees with the opportunity to give through United Way's payroll deduction program, Vitronics Soltec's parent company ITW matched every employee gift dollar for dollar. As a result, over \$22,500 was raised for the community, \$11, 284 from the employees and \$11,284 in a corporate match.

Of those direct contributions, the Cyrus and Barbara Sweet Challenge Match then matched \$17,334 for every first time contribution totaling \$250 or more.

"We couldn't be more excited about the success of our first United Way of the Greater Seacoast campaign," Aaron Saxton, President of Vitronics Soltec said. "We're not taking for granted our ability to give back to our community, and are proud to be a part of a great organization that supports the United Way and helps to create lasting change for the Seacoast."

Companies interested in participating in a United Way campaign, or individuals making an annual contribution, can visit [www.uwgs.org](http://www.uwgs.org) and click "give" to learn about how to get started.

All new gifts of \$250 or more or gift increased above \$250 will be matched dollar for dollar by the Sweet Challenge Match until the end of April or until the remaining \$80,000 of the \$150,000 match has been met.

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*United Way of the Greater Seacoast (UWGS) is a locally governed nonprofit organization working to advance the common good by focusing on the building blocks for a good life – education, income and health. UWGS develops, supports and works in groundbreaking partnerships in the Greater Seacoast region of NH and Southern Maine to create long-lasting changes that prevent problems from happening in the first place and create opportunities for a better life for all. For more information, visit [www.uwgs.org](http://www.uwgs.org).*