

## United Way raises \$6 million

### Group wrapping up annual campaign

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United Way of Larimer County announced Wednesday that it raised \$6 million in its annual fundraising campaign, which concludes this month.

Campaign contributions come from more than 8,000 individual donors, corporate gifts, workplace fundraising campaigns, leveraged dollars and grants.

"We are so proud to be part of a community that steps up to help out when so many in Larimer County are suffering in these tough economic times," Gordan Thibedeau, president and CEO of United Way of Larimer County, said in a statement.

Donations to United Way of Larimer County are directed in three ways: basic and emergency needs, providing opportunities for people in need to improve their lives and supporting what the organization refers to as United Way in Action.

United Way in Action is made up of partnerships, collaborations and efforts to address our community's most pressing needs. Examples of these are United Way 211, WomenGive, Compass and the Sister Mary Alice Murphy Center for Hope.

"We have invested six million dollars in our community thanks to the generosity of our donors and our committed corporate partners working to sustain the quality of life we have in Larimer County," Thibedeau said in the statement.

The majority of the dollars raised by United Way is through workplace fundraising campaigns at local businesses. United Way's annual campaign begins in July and ends the following June of each year.

"We are so thankful for each and every donation to United Way to help people in need," Keely Aggers, vice president of Resource Development, said in the statement. "The support from people this last year is truly inspiring and humbling."