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Result achieved: The Women’s Lodge at The Salvation Army helps homeless women become self-sufficient. After six months of shelter, life skills and job training (among other services), 65% moved into permanent housing.

Encouraging neighborhood and civic involvement

Our goal: inspiring individuals to make a difference through volunteerism, advocacy and community engagement.

Result achieved: Volunteers devoted nearly 58,000 hours to help United Way and Hands On Miami, our partner in volunteerism, connect with their community to improve lives.

Partnerships matter.

It takes the whole community working together — from individuals to businesses, from nonprofits to government — to reach our goals. Together, we can get results that no one can accomplish alone.

Nowhere is the power of partnership more evident than with the United Way Center for Excellence in Early Education, a national best practices resource dedicated to elevating the quality of early childhood care and education in Miami-Dade and beyond. Slated to open in 2007, this massive effort is the result of years of work by people determined to join United Way of Miami-Dade in changing the landscape of early childhood care and education.

Over the past year, we’ve worked closely with the Center’s national advisory board, Miami-Dade’s major colleges and universities, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, The Children’s Trust, Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/ Monroe, The Early Childhood Initiative Foundation, child care centers, parents and businesses, among others, in developing the Center’s programming.

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Our president and CEO Harve Mogul was asked to lead a national United Way task force to assist United Way impact partner agencies in repairing damages sustained during the storms. More than $200,000 went to support Gulf Coast efforts.

Through our official partnership with the Miami-Dade Office of Emergency Management, United Way and Hands On Miami staff and volunteers teamed up to distribute water and ice, assemble food and family packages, and secure hot meals for homebound elderly and disabled individuals.

Other milestones

• Our community demonstrated record giving, raising a total of $52 million to help improve lives.

• We continued to partner with the Human Services Coalition’s Miami-Dade Prosperity Campaign to promote the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), a tax credit program that allows low-income workers to receive up to $4,300. The EITC has generated more than $62 million for our community.

• We led a business community outreach in support of Miami-Dade County Public Schools’ $36 million request. The state awarded the district $37 million.

• In preparation for the ‘06 hurricane season, we hosted volunteer trainings and disaster preparedness seminars in partnership with various community organizations and created an online information center on our web site.

• We turned every $1 invested directly in the community plan into $2.01 worth of help through volunteer time, matching grants, and in-kind gifts.

• We accomplished all this with overhead costs of just 13%.

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