

# LIVE UNITED TIMES

## \$8,022,330!

The United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades has concluded the 2009-2010 Campaign, exceeding the campaign goal, and raised \$8,022,330. The campaign had been scheduled to conclude on February 28th; however, the campaign was \$155,000 short of the goal. It was extended to Friday March 12, and because of a vigorous last push effort by volunteers, the goal was met this past Friday.

Joe Catti, President of FineMark National Bank and Trust and 2009-2010 United Way Campaign Chair, announced that local residents and companies contributed \$8,022,330 to the campaign. It is the 17th consecutive year that goal has been obtained or exceeded.

At the goal announcement Catti said, "Our community has done it again! In the toughest economy that we have faced in many years, the generosity of our friends and neighbors prevailed, and we raised \$8,022,330. That is nothing short of extraordinary."

"What is more important than the fact that we made our goal is that the 72 United Way Partner Agencies will receive their full allocation of funds. The needs in our community have increased significantly, and at the same time, many agencies have experienced reduced funding from both government and private sources. United Way Partner Agencies' 160 programs will be fully funded and the needs will be met. A heartfelt 'thank you' to all of the individuals, companies, communities and partner agencies for their generous contributions. You proved once again what a caring community this is!"

### Top 16 United Way Contributors

Publix Super Markets - \$1,133,777  
Bonita Bay Community - \$837,778  
Bonita Bay Group - \$352,036  
Chico's - \$286,280  
Sanibel/Captiva Community - \$231,908  
Lee County School District - \$222,840  
The Brooks Community - \$205,508  
Fiddlesticks Community - \$189,394  
Mediterra Community - \$188,922  
LCEC - \$148,395  
Lee Memorial Health System - \$143,631  
FineMark National Bank and Trust - \$135,000  
United States Postal Service - \$110,961  
BB&T-Oswald Trippe and Company - \$105,246  
Lee County Government Employees - \$85,105  
The News-Press - \$74,253



*Cliff Smith, Larry Hart and Joe Catti at the Goal Announcement.*



*Joe Catti and Dean Fjelstul  
The Brooks Community  
Campaign Chair.*

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