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AB United Way Launches Its Neighbor Helping Neighbor Campaign in Support of Local Need

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October 1, 2009 - The Acton-Boxborough United Way launched its annual fundraising campaign in support of human service needs in the towns of Acton-Boxborough this week. "This has been a tough year for our community. The message we are hearing loud and clear from our agencies is that need is up and funding is down," said Lisa Robb, Campaign Chair for AB United Way. "Increased needs from the community include a high demand for assistance with basic needs such as food, gas and electricity as well as rent and mortgage payments."

"Caring for our neighbors is what the ABUW is all about; it's what we have done for almost 26 years. This past year alone, the ABUW awarded grants to 24 different health and human service organizations serving the needs of Acton and Boxborough residents - from infants to teens to elders - as part of the *Community of Care*," stated Jane Boatright, ABUW President. "In addition to these grants, we fund the collaborative organization, the Acton-Boxborough Coalition for Healthy Youth, a resource that addresses the needs of adolescents at risk of dangerous behaviors."

"Through your single contribution, the ABUW gives you the opportunity to assist your neighbors in need, and to support a number of agencies providing needed services to our communities. We greatly appreciate the loyal donors who help us year after year, and we need more Acton-Boxborough residents who are able to contribute to help us meet these increasing needs. Please give generously so that we can continue to provide assistance to those in need. Please watch for our mailing arriving in homes this week," said Boatright.

Secure online donations can be made through the website at www.abuw.org, where you can also learn more about ABUW.

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