

Best of the Best
I.B.E.W. Local Union 429 LIVES UNITED and
Receives United Way of Metropolitan Nashville Recognition

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 1, 2010 – I.B.E.W. Local Union 429 was recently recognized for its extraordinary support of the Nashville community by United Way of Metropolitan Nashville. United Way staff teams visited more than 70 companies to show appreciation for the amazing generosity of individuals across this community.

On March 10, the traditional sit-down celebration luncheon is refocused into a Day of Action, transforming award-winning companies into teams of hands-on volunteers that sort and pack board books for at-risk children served by United Way's Read to Succeed program. Billed as *No Dining, Just Doing*, the celebration is benefiting nine United Way-funded child care centers that offer the early learning program.

I.B.E.W. Local Union 429 received the following recognition for its 2009 support in volunteering, advocating and giving:

Circle of Honor

Recognizes organizations that truly support the mission of United Way of Metropolitan Nashville with their contributions and participation, campaign quality, support for United Way's community impact fund, and non-financial contributions and support. The organizations that receive this honor are the star supporters of United Way of Metropolitan Nashville.

Funds raised through annual company campaigns, as well as grants and other revenue resources, enable United Way of Metropolitan Nashville to focus on four critical areas of need: education, income/financial stability, health and neighborhoods. These are the building blocks for a better life:

- A quality education that leads to a stable job
- Enough income to support a family through retirement
- Good health
- And a safe living environment.

The generosity of individual donors and companies allows United Way and its partners to advance the common good and create long-lasting changes that prevent problems from happening in the first place.

United Way currently invests in more than 133 health and human service programs within 63 agencies across Nashville. Volunteers monitor these programs on an annual basis to ensure they are achieving goals and measurable results.

The award program is held annually to thank companies for their fundraising efforts and bestow awards on the most outstanding campaigns in a variety of categories.

Founded in 1922, United Way of Metropolitan Nashville was originally called the Community Chest. Today, the organization — through partnerships with government, education, health and human services, donors, and business leaders — does much more than raise and distribute funds to agencies. As a catalyst for proactive, lasting and measurable community change, United Way is focused on the building blocks for a better life: education, income, health and neighborhoods.