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**United Way of the National Capital Area Makes a House a Home for a Deserving Area Family**

Community Leader Rallies Thousands of Volunteers and In-kind Donations to Support ABC's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* builds

**WASHINGTON, DC-** As part of United Way of the National Capital Area's (UWNCA) work to resolve the housing crisis in the greater Washington area, the nonprofit organization will help ABC's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* to rebuild a home for a family in Hyattsville, Maryland and the Fishing School, a community center in Washington, DC. UWNCA has rallied more than 3,000 volunteers and more than \$600,000 in in-kind support from area businesses to make the builds possible.

"ABC's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* has provided United Way with an exceptional opportunity to show the community how much we care and what we are capable of accomplishing," said Bill Hanbury, President and CEO of UWNCA. "We are taking a hands-on approach to supporting safe, affordable housing for residents in our area because a place to call home should not be a privilege for our neighbors - it is a basic need."

This family is not alone in deserving this build. More than 12,000 people in the region were homeless at some point in the past year and nearly half of the region's residents currently spend more for their housing than what is considered affordable.

UWNCA awarded more than \$494,000 this year in Affordable Housing grants to community partners and worked to prevent foreclosures, displacement and homelessness through its Affordable Housing Initiative. Launched in 2007, UWNCA's program convenes housing leaders to identify outcome-driven, sustainable solutions and to leverage support for the expansion of affordable housing.

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### **About United Way of the National Capital Area**

UWNCA is the largest non-governmental health and human services fund provider in the Washington metro area and has been bringing together people and resources to improve lives for more than 30 years. Working with community organizations, local governments and businesses, UWNCA's eight regional councils -- located in the District of Columbia, Northern Virginia and Southwest Maryland -- respond to critical community needs. For more information, visit [www.unitedwaynca.org](http://www.unitedwaynca.org) or follow us on [www.facebook.com/United-Way-of-the-National-Capital-Area](https://www.facebook.com/United-Way-of-the-National-Capital-Area) and [www.twitter.com/uwnca](https://www.twitter.com/uwnca) .

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UWNCA coordinates one of the largest annual fundraising campaigns in the country. The campaign disperses millions in funds to more than 950 nonprofit partners – certified by UWNCA -- that provide health and human service programs to Washington area residents. The campaign also includes nine Community Impact Funds, which work to solve complex social issues by directing funds to the most critical areas of need.

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