



Press Release

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United Way of the Bay Area Welcomes New Board Members

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18, 2008 – United Way of the Bay Area (UWBA) is pleased to announce the election of six board members:

- Beth Cobert, Director, McKinsey & Company
- Patrick Duterte, Director, Solano County Health and Social Services
- Robert McGee, Chief Operating Officer, Wachovia's General Bank
- Sylvia Samano, Vice President – External Affairs, Bay Area, AT&T California
- Susan Sutherland, Senior Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
- Gwendolyn Wong, Credit Risk Manager, First Republic Bank

These newest board members were elected during the first half of UWBA's 2007-8 fiscal year, and will serve two-year terms of service.

"We welcome to our board this outstanding group of community leaders, who are devoting their time and expertise to help make the Bay Area a better place to live and work," said UWBA Chief Executive Officer Anne Wilson. "The Bay Area is facing some tough challenges, and the support of individuals like these is essential to United Way's work in addressing our community's greatest needs."

Beth Cobert leads McKinsey's San Francisco office, and works on a variety of strategic and organizational issues in the financial services, health care and private equity arenas. She joined UWBA's board following a consulting engagement, in which she assisted the organization in prioritizing goals and strategies for the next five years. Beth is active in a variety of community and nonprofit organizations, serving on the boards of the San Francisco Ballet and the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. She has also led engagements for San Francisco Jewish Community Federation, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of New York and Lincoln Center.

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Patrick Duterte has been an active supporter and partner in United Way's efforts to launch 2-1-1 phone service in Solano County. His accomplishments in the County include spearheading the development of the Children's Health Initiatives in Santa Clara and Solano counties, which have the highest rates of children's coverage in California. He manages 1200 employees and department budget of \$266 million, overseeing mental health, substance abuse, public health/ family health clinics, children's services, older and disabled adults, employment and eligibility, and research and planning divisions within Solano's Health and Social Services Department.

Bob McGee relocated to the San Francisco Bay Area in 2006 to lead integration of Wachovia's Golden West merger. He directs the General Bank's Retail and Wholesale Operations, Strategic Planning, Finance, International and High Risk Account Governance, and the General Bank Project Office. McGee also oversees the General Bank's overall growth strategies and expansion initiatives. A long-time United Way supporter, Bob served as a board member and treasurer at United Way of Central Carolinas, and also served as the chairman of their finance committee.

Sylvia Samano heads the AT&T's local government and community affairs initiatives. Managing a team of senior professionals, she is responsible for AT&T policy and philanthropic initiatives in San Francisco, the East, South and North Bays and the Peninsula. Prior to Sylvia's return to the Bay Area in 2006, she served as President of AT&T – Nevada. She brings with her an unwavering commitment to her community, as exemplified by her track record of tireless support and leadership roles on numerous nonprofit boards of directors including United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierras and the Bay Area Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada.

Susan Sutherland oversees the Business Continuity, EEO, Human Resources, Legal, and Statistics functions of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. She is a member of the Bank's Executive Committee, which addresses policies and practices at the enterprise level. She also is a member of the fiduciary committee that oversees Fed's retirement and 401(k) plans. A long-time advocate of the United Way and its role in the community, she is very pleased to serve on the Board of the United Way of the Bay Area. She has also been involved in a leadership role with a San Francisco non-partisan political organization as well as in various leadership positions with her university alumni association.

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Gwendolyn Wong returns to UWBA's board after a previous term from 1994-2001, during which time she separately held the offices of Treasurer and Secretary. At First Republic Bank, she provides bi-coastal credit quality oversight for the private bank and business lending portfolios, with particular emphasis on building, strengthening, and growing the bank's business banking lending services. Her financial expertise is a valuable asset for the not-for-profit organizations she supports. In addition to her United Way service, Gwen is National Treasurer for Girls Scouts of the USA; on the Advisory Board of The Professional Business Women of California; and a mentor with Menttium Corporation, The Financial Women's Association, and Girls for a Change.

About United Way of the Bay Area

United Way of the Bay Area (UWBA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to community impact. UWBA serves Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo and Solano Counties. Our mission is to be the catalyst that enables people to strengthen their communities by investing in one another. Through the Bay Area Community Fund, United Way supports more than 250 local programs that fight poverty and create opportunities for children, youth, families and neighborhoods to thrive. United Way also operates 2-1-1 phone service in several Bay Area Counties. 2-1-1 is an easy-to-remember phone number that connects people in need — as well as individuals seeking to give — with community services. For more information, visit www.uwba.org.

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