



## Unitil Makes an Impact at United Way Day of Caring

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**Hampton, NH; September 16, 1999** – Over one-third of Unitil's employees contributed close to 900 hours of volunteer work while participating in this year's United Way Day of Caring, an event that mobilizes thousands of people to help agencies assist local people in need through the hands-on work of volunteers.

"It's great to see the employees come together and help out local organizations with so much enthusiasm and teamwork," said Unitil Chairman and CEO Robert Schoenberger, who also took part in the event. "Unitil's employees are committed to community service and volunteerism, and the energy they put into events such as the Day of Caring proves that." Schoenberger also added that Unitil supports this commitment with its Community Service Benefit, which provides every employee with 8 hours of paid time per year to use performing community service activities.

Unitil employees from all company locations, including Fitchburg, Exeter/Hampton and Concord, participated in the Day of Caring at various locations:

- The Unitil employees in Fitchburg made up the largest company team ever to participate in the North Central Massachusetts United Way Day of Caring this past June, cleaning and landscaping at the local Red Cross.
- In Exeter/Hampton, Unitil brought in its bucket trucks to paint the house and barn of the Seacoast Hospice this week. Employees also helped with landscaping, cleaning and general repair work.
- Organizations such as the Penacook Community Center and the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests benefited this week as well from the hard work of Unitil's Concord employees.

These volunteer efforts saved community non-profit organizations tens of thousands of dollars, money that can now go directly toward agency services.

In addition to its volunteer efforts, Unitil is a strong corporate supporter of the United Way in all three of its local service areas. Unitil's CEO Bob Schoenberger is on the Board of Directors for the United Way of the Greater Seacoast, and served this year as Chairman of the Pacesetter Campaign and will serve next year as Chairman of the Employee Campaign.

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