



NEWS RELEASE

November, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For more information contact:

Peter Theisen, President, 733-8670, ptheisen@unitedwaywhatcom.org

United Way Welcomes New Businesses

QM Bearings Joins 2005 Campaign

United Way welcomes QM Bearings as a new corporate partner in the 2005 fundraising campaign. “We try to broaden the base of support by bringing new companies into the campaign each year,” said United Way President, Peter Theisen. “We provide a very visible way for businesses to integrate into the community. It’s a win-win relationship for the companies and the community,” said Theisen.

QM Bearings, in Ferndale since 1997, designs, manufactures and markets rugged Blue Brute brand bearings, Quick-Flex brand couplings and conveyor sprockets. Its customers primarily are in the pulp and paper, saw mill, mining, aggregate and steel industries.

In this year’s United Way effort, QM Bearings raised \$2,355 from employees, another \$2,355 from the employer’s matching funds and an \$8,270 corporate gift for a combined total of \$12,980. Forty-two percent of Ferndale employees participated. Employees at other locations are separately contributing to United Way.

“We are proud of our first-time results on this campaign,” said QM Bearings President, Don Yorston. “I believe that United Way is making a big impact in the community, and they provide our company with an effective way to help so many people.”

The fund raising campaign supports 28 local nonprofit agencies, including American Red Cross, Brigid Collins, Womencare Shelter, Boys and Girls Clubs, and many others. United Way invests the funds to address four priorities: food and shelter; youth and families; health and wellness; and safety and intervention.

More information is available by calling 733-8670 or visiting United Way online at <http://www.unitedwaywhatcom.org>.