



United Way of  
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## Upcoming Events

Spirit of  
Community  
Impact Awards  
Dinner, Friday,  
June 16, 2006  
Air Force One  
Pavilion at the  
Ronald Reagan  
Presidential  
Library

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## Top contributors to be recognized



By David M. Smith  
President & CEO

When United Way supporters convene for our annual "Spirit of Community Impact Awards Dinner" on Friday, June 16, "thank you" will be the order of the evening. In fact, virtually everyone in attendance — from individual donors to outstanding corporate supporters — will be deserving of special thanks from United Way. Because, it is only through the support of others that your United Way has been able to move forward with a community impact platform that is clearly designed to offer

more things for more people in our county.

In addition to recognizing our leadership donors and top corporate accounts, three special awards will be presented, upholding the legacy of the three individuals who founded United Way of Ventura County in 1945 — Milton M. Teague, Roy Pinkerton, and Douglas Shively.

• **Karen L. Gabler** will be the recipient of the Milton M. Teague Award, in recognition of her overall outstanding support of the United Way of Ventura County. During the past year, Ms. Gabler has served as vice chair of the Board of Directors, vice chair of the board development and marketing and communications committees, is a member (former chair) of our East County Action Team, supervised a Day of Caring project at the Wellness Center in Westlake Village, was an active contributor to her company's campaign and provide valuable and generous in-kind support as legal counsel to UWVC.

• **Karol Schulkin**, director of homeless programs, County of Ventura Human Services Agency, will be the recipient of the Douglas Shively Award, in recognition for her outstanding support of UWVC's community impact platform. As a member of UWVC's Community Impact Cabinet, Ms. Schulkin has been an active participant in UWVC's community impact focus team process helping to lead UWVC in the transformation to community impact. In addition, as a member of the Homeless Management Information System steering committee she has supported United Way in its role as the HUD funded agency that is leading the collaborative effort to satisfy unmet needs of the homeless population in Ventura County. Ms. Schulkin also serves on the local board for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program that UWVC administers.

• **Haas Automation** of Oxnard will be the recipient of the Roy Pinkerton Award, presented to the top UWVC corporate supporter. In 2005-2006, Haas Automation employees contributed more than \$130,000 to our annual campaign, an amount that was generously matched dollar-for-dollar by Mr. Gene Haas and the Haas Foundation for a grand total of more than \$265,000. In addition, the Haas campaign was highlighted by the fact 94 percent of Haas employees pledged their support of this year's campaign. Truly, Haas Automation has demonstrated the importance of corporate philanthropy in Ventura County.

This "Polynesian Paradise" themed event will take place from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. The ticket cost is \$125 per person and includes a reception, dinner, and entertainment. Valet parking is included. There will be a silent and live auction that includes a trip to Tahiti and Bora Bora courtesy of Pleasant Holidays.

I hope you will join us for this "thank you" celebration. For more information, please call Letitia Austin at (805) 485-6288, ext. 245.



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## Regional Leadership Summit to Address HIV Among Latinos

How can leaders in Ventura County work together to halt the growing impact of HIV among Latinos in our community? Who is most at risk for HIV infection? What can Latinos do as a community to protect their mothers, fathers, sons and daughters from the threat of HIV now and in the future? Leaders and program managers from throughout Ventura County will convene to explore these and other questions on Friday, June 16 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Pierpont Inn in Ventura.

The purpose of the HIV & Latinos Leadership Summit is to begin a dialog with leaders throughout Ventura County about the growing impact of HIV in the Latino community and to spark interest in working to end this alarming trend.

The summit will include a keynote address by Dr. Cynthia Gomez, Director of the Health Equity Initiative at San Francisco State University and board member of the National AIDS Fund. It will also include information about how HIV is manifesting in the local Latino community, opportunities for participants to share ideas and explore issues around this topic, and strategies for reaching Ventura County's Latino population.

The summit will be hosted by the Ventura County AIDS Partnership (VCAP) and Ventura County Public Health, through funding from the State office of AIDS and a contribution from Gilead Sciences.

The Ventura County AIDS Partnership (VCAP) is one of 29 community partners of the National AIDS Fund (NAF). Co-convened by the United Way of Ventura County and the Ventura County Community Foundation, its mission is to eliminate HIV disease as a major health and social problem in Ventura County. Its primary function is to raise local funds to be matched by NAF at a rate of \$1 for every \$2 raised. Contributions help to support local HIV prevention programs and patient care programs.

Ventura County Public Health has a full service HIV Services Center that includes outreach services, case management, counseling, prevention education and HIV testing. Ventura County Public Health is part of the Ventura County Health Care Agency which includes the Ventura County Medical Center's Immunology Clinic. The Immunology Clinic provides primary medical care to many of the Ventura County residents who are living with HIV.

For more information or to participate in the summit, please call Susan Jensen, VCAP Program Manager, at (805) 485-6288 ext. 232. A registration fee of \$20 includes continental breakfast, lunch and all conference materials. Deadline for early registration is June 9, 2006. Space is limited.

**Mark Your Calendars!**  
**Day of Caring - Saturday, Sept. 9**  
**Details Coming Soon!**



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### Ventura County Leadership Academy

There will be an information and recruitment meeting for the Ventura County Leadership Academy at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 22 at the United Way office located at 1317 Del Norte Road, Camarillo. This is an opportunity to add to your leadership experience and continue to improve your leadership skills, examine community issues, meet with decision-makers, make lifelong friendships, and build a better community.

VCLA is the only countywide community leadership program available in Ventura County. The program involves participants in practical and experiential activities that provide communication and interaction opportunities with key decision-makers in the public, private and nonprofit sectors. It is a nine-month program that runs from September to May, meeting 15 times throughout the year.

For additional information and to make a reservation, please call Susan Lefevre, Executive Director (805) 485-6288, ext. 260 or email: [vcla@vcunitedway.org](mailto:vcla@vcunitedway.org)

### Save-the-Date: VCLA Leadership Awards

The Ventura County Leadership Academy's 5<sup>TH</sup> Annual Spotlight on Leadership Awards Dinner will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, June 30, 2006 at the Embassy Suites Resort Mandalay Beach, 2101 Mandalay Beach Road in Oxnard.

This annual "Spotlight on Leadership" Awards Dinner will recognize special leaders that made Ventura County great.

This exciting evening will include the following award presentations:

- Distinguished Community Leader Award
- Distinguished Business Award
- Distinguished Alumni Award
- Distinguished Emerging Leader Award



For sponsorship information or to reserve ad space, please call Susan LeFevre at (805) 485-6288 ext. 260.

### YLS assists with Letter Carriers Food Drive

Members of United Way's Young Leaders Society assisted FOOD Share with the sorting of food received from the Letter Carriers Food Drive campaign held Saturday, May 13. Over 100,000 pounds of food items was collected from four post offices and will provide 125,000 meals for the hungry throughout Ventura County.

(From left to right) Kevin McMullen, Ceal Potts, Sara Buratto, Tiffany Lopez, Marisa Lopez, Jennifer Maxey, Kara Kobak, Carrie Kost, Glenn Saragumba, Keith Groves.

