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### **UW JACKSON COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN CELEBRATION BREAKFAST SET FOR FEBRUARY 7, 7:30 am**

JACKSON, MI (January 23, 2007) - The Jackson County United Way will wrap up the 2006 campaign Wednesday morning, February 7, 2007 at 7:30 am with a celebratory breakfast at the Gene Davis Catering Center, 3775 Francis Street in Vandercook Lake.

Final results from the 2006 campaign will be announced at the breakfast by campaign co-chairs John Crist & Kathy Schmaltz. United Way Board President Mike Shore will offer special recognition for campaign volunteers.

New this year will be the awarding of the "Golden Compressor" Award, a competition between Consumers Energy and MACI to achieve the highest employee participation in their community campaigns.

Also scheduled to appear are boxing "celebrities" Rocky Balboa, Apollo Creed, and other campaign volunteers who have "taken a few punches" during this year's campaign, but are still going strong and dedicated more than ever to improving lives here in Jackson.

Tickets for the event are \$10 and are available at the door. Reservations are requested, and can be made by contacting Shellie Gillespie at 796-5129.

The United Way community campaign supports Jackson County residents through a combination of over 45 different programs and community collaborations. More than 30 local human service organizations partner with the United Way to target six prioritized needs in Jackson County:

- Growing families safe and sound,
- Overcoming hardships and forging pathways to self-sufficiency,
- Fostering health & well-being physically, mentally and emotionally,
- Supporting success in school and preparedness for life,
- Promoting a safer community, and
- Building a coordinated service delivery system.

For further information on United Way programs and services call the Jackson County United Way office at 784-0511.