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Caring Rivers United Way elects new officers and board members

Board members and officers have been elected to serve on Caring Rivers United Way Board of Directors.

John D. Scheel, Director of Operations, Sherburne TeleSystems, Inc. has been elected as President. David Ranallo, Marketing Communications Specialist, Great River Energy will serve as Vice-President, Matthew Erler of United Health Group continues for another year as Secretary, and Theresa Slominski, Finance Director, Elk River Municipal Utilities, will continue in her second year as Treasurer.

Two new members this year include Brenda Pawlak, Store Manager, Target, Elk River, and Charlotte Strei, Sherburne County Volunteer Coordinator, Greater St. Cloud Area Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

“The officer positions at Caring Rivers have been vital in maintaining a smooth transition during the interim of filling the position of Executive Director,” said Joy Nadeau, new Executive Director, Caring Rivers United Way. “In these tough economic times, we need to carefully put donor’s dollars to the best possible use in order to make the greatest impact in our communities. It is a big responsibility for our all volunteer board. Fortunately, we have dedicated members who bring a variety of skills and experience to the table, and they are committed to helping others in the best way possible.”

The Caring Rivers office is located in the Business Center at 200 5th St. in Elk River. Rita Schmahl, Cathy Lundberg, and Carl Bloomquist are three volunteers from the community who play an integral part in helping to run a smooth office.

Caring Rivers United Way serves areas including Big Lake, Otsego, Elk River, Princeton, Santiago and Zimmerman. The organization’s mission is *To enhance the community’s organized capacity of people to care for one another.*

For further information regarding Caring Rivers United Way, or to make a contribution, call the United Way office at (763) 633-5886, or visit us on the web at www.caringrivers.org, or send your check to:

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Picture caption: 2008 Caring Rivers Board of Directors

front row, left to right: Art Jackett (retired), Pat Braun (Foster Grandparent Program), David Ranallo (Great River Energy)

Back row: Theresa Slominski (Elk River Municipal Utilities), Nathan Ovall (The Bank of Elk River), Brenda Pawlak (Target), Matthew Erler (United Health Group), Charlotte Strei (RSVP), Paul Schenkenberg (Sherburne TeleSystems, Inc.), and Ryan Rothwell (Big Lake Coborn's). Not pictured: John D. Scheel (Sherburne TeleSystems, Inc.), Nikki Boswell (Emerson Process), Jan Creed (Heritage Montessori School).

