

## **United Way prescription drug discount program saves residents \$500,000**

Greeley, Colorado – In 2007, United Way of Weld County began a partnership with the *familyWIZE*® organization to distribute prescription drug discount cards giving an average of a 35% discount on prescription drug purchases. The first year of their partnership with *familyWIZE*®, a total of 1,143 claims were made within Weld County. Now in the 5th year of the program, nearly 32,000 claims have been made giving local residents a savings of \$535,147 through December of 2011. United Way has distributed these cards to pharmacies, doctor offices, hospitals, schools, chambers of commerce, partnering agencies, local business and individuals, and included a card in every campaign brochure. Discount cards are available in any quantity to companies who would like to make them available to their employees.

United Way's Executive Director, Jeannine Truswell, commented, "This notable program makes a significant difference for people who may have to choose between the purchase of food or medicine. It has a positive impact on families who are facing challenges, giving them a sign of hope for a better future."

### **About the Program**

The *familyWIZE*® Prescription Drug Discount Card can offer immediate savings on prescription drugs at participating pharmacies for people that have no health insurance, during deductible periods and for prescription medicine not covered by health insurance, Medicare and other benefit plans. If the insurance plan does not offer a drug card and reimbursement after each transaction, it may be possible to use the FamilyWize card to lower the out-of-pocket expenses. There are no restrictions for using the prescription drug card. It can be used as often as needed for any prescription for everyone in the family. The cards are printed in both Spanish and English.

*For more information visit the United Way of Weld County website - [www.unitedway-weld.org](http://www.unitedway-weld.org) or contact Sandie Cantrell at United Way, 970-353-4300 ext.2571 or [sandie@unitedway-weld.org](mailto:sandie@unitedway-weld.org) to obtain a card.*