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Included below is a press release regarding Ferris State University's fund-raising campaign for the United Way. Further information is available by contacting Leah Nixon, assistant director of News Services.

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### **Ferris surpasses \$56,000 fundraising goal for United Way Campaign**

BIG RAPIDS – Ferris State University has surpassed its \$56,000 campaign goal during the University's annual effort to raise funds for the Mecosta-Osceola United Way Campaign. In less than three months, through the dedicated and creative efforts of students, faculty and staff, \$56,103.47 was raised to also help put the Mecosta-Osceola campaign over its goal of \$425,000.

"Ferris has participated in the United Way campaign for many, many years," said Linda Telfer, one of the fund raiser's co-chairs. "This is a campus-wide effort with many people involved who care about the people in our community and who want to make it a better place to live."

Ferris' campaign began on Sept. 29, 2006, with a kickoff breakfast, with a faculty/staff group of approximately 50 volunteers assisting campaign efforts. Co-chairing the effort with Telfer was Dan Burcham, vice president for Student Affairs.

Students also joined the effort, setting a campaign goal of \$3,500. The student effort raised a grand total of \$5,021.22, almost 50 percent more than the initial goal. Annual co-chairs of the student campaign were Dave Stevens, a Business Marketing major from Plymouth, and Jodi Harper, an Elementary Education major from Rothbury.

Even though the student campaign is complete, the Office of Student Leadership and Activities is still selling United Way wristbands to help raise money and awareness. To learn more about helping in the United Way Campaign, contact the Office of Student Leadership and Activities at [www.ferris.edu/htmls/studentlife/activity](http://www.ferris.edu/htmls/studentlife/activity).



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Pictured are Dave Stevens, Linda Telfer, Dan Burcham, Nichole Wheelock, Jeremy Mishler, Jodi Harper, President David Eisler, Mecosta-Osceola United Way Executive Director Betty Seelye and Billie Jo Duddles.

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