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**PAETEC MAKES AN IMPACT ON UNITED WAY OF CENTRAL MARYLAND
COMMUNITY PARTNERS**
TICKET DONATION REWARDS ORGANIZATIONS TACKLING BALTIMORE'S SOCIAL ISSUES

BALTIMORE, MD — PAETEC today announced the donation of 600 tickets for the PAETEC Jazz Festival Baltimore to United Way of Central Maryland's (UWCM) partner agencies, in recognition of their efforts to make central Maryland a better place. The donated Pier 6 Pavilion tickets are premium seats and range in value from \$75 to \$135.

The PAETEC Jazz Festival Baltimore is a three-day event that will be held August 9-11, 2007, at the Pier Six Concert Pavilion and other venues in downtown Baltimore. The festival embraces all genres of music and features headliners such as B.B. King and Al Green, as well as some of the world's finest emerging artists.

"We are deeply touched by this gesture of appreciation from PAETEC and United Way of Central Maryland," said Dr. Stanley E. Weinstein, President & CEO of The Woodbourne Center. "This donation will provide a valuable incentive for fundraising or rewards for our dedicated staff and volunteers."

PAETEC Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Arunas A. Chesonis said, "Our employees are passionate about volunteering and giving back to the neighborhoods in which we live and work, so we are proud to reward the efforts made by organizations that have such a positive impact on the community."

United Way of Central Maryland President and Chief Professional Officer Larry Walton said, "We are pleased to extend this token of appreciation to our partner agencies for their commitment to central Maryland. It is through their partnership that we are able to have a meaningful impact on the important issues facing our communities today. We are grateful to PAETEC for donating the tickets and giving us the opportunity to thank our partners for their outstanding efforts."

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United Way of Central Maryland is proud to display the Maryland Nonprofits' Seal of Excellence for high standards of ethics and accountability in the nonprofit sector

United Way of Central Maryland's partner agencies were selected as part of the July 2006 shift to the Community Impact Model. The model is a focused effort to bring solid, measurable results in four key areas that are essential to improving people's lives and strengthening communities throughout central Maryland:

- School Readiness – ensuring that every child in central Maryland enters school fully ready to learn.
- Youth Achieving Potential – helping youth in the region develop their full potential as individuals and responsible members of society.
- Family Safety – making people across the region safe from violence and abuse in their relationships.
- Basic Needs – connecting people who lack life's essentials - food, shelter, clothing - with resources to bring them out of crisis.

The PAETEC Jazz Festival Baltimore is made possible by: PAETEC, Presenting Sponsor Merrill Lynch, Struever Bros. Eccles & Rouse, Harbor East, H & S Properties Development, The Baltimore Examiner, Smooth Jazz WSMJ 104.3, The Cordish Company, Boordy Vineyards, Rams Head Live, Power Plant Live! and the Downtown Partnership of Baltimore. For more information about the festival or to receive the latest news, visit www.paetecjazz.com.

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United Way of Central Maryland is the region's human service leader whose mission is to improve people's lives by mobilizing the caring power of our communities. United Way of Central Maryland supports programs and initiatives in Baltimore and the five surrounding counties: Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford and Howard. United Way of Central Maryland is one of 52 nonprofits in Maryland to have earned the Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organizations' Standards of Excellence certification, a rigorous ethics and accountability program. More than 2,000 volunteers support United Way of Central Maryland, lending their expertise to help make important decisions about program funding, campaign fund-raising and organizational strategies. Another 1,500 or more volunteers participate in hands-on community service opportunities. For more information, visit www.uwcm.org or call (410) 547-8000.

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