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Pat Ross to head 2010 United Way campaign

Tannersville, Pa. – Longtime Pocono Township resident Pat Ross is involved in countless civic, business and community organizations from the Tannersville Lions Club to Monroe 20/20. He runs his own consulting firm and has been an educator and a township supervisor. A former president of the United Way of Monroe County, he serves on the nonprofit's board of directors.

Now he is ready for a different challenge to serve his community.

Ross has been named chair of the 2010 campaign for United Way of Monroe County. He led his first campaign meeting on April 7 at the Pocono Inne Town in Stroudsburg.

“We are starting our campaign earlier this year. We have a lot of exciting events and functions ahead of us in the coming months,” he said.

Ross is now in the process of forming his campaign cabinet and recruiting volunteers. He urged everyone attending the meeting to also enlist at least two volunteers. Although this is his first time as campaign chair, he has previously served as a vice chair and head of the United Way's education division.

Individuals who are interested in helping with the 2010 campaign should contact the United Way office by calling 570-629-5657.

An alumnus of East Stroudsburg University, Ross was a Pocono Township supervisor for 30 years and an educator in the Bethlehem Area School District for 33 years. He is president of Pat Ross Consulting LLC.

Besides serving as chair of the Council of Trustees of East Stroudsburg University, Ross chairs the board of directors of the Redevelopment Authority of Monroe County and serves on the board of the Monroe County Conservation District. He also is an ambassador at Pocono International Raceway.

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Ross has been president of the Tannersville Lions Club for four terms and was named their outstanding citizen in 1998. His honors include receiving the Sterling Schoonover Award for Dedicated Service to Municipal Government and the Melvin Jones Fellow from Lions International.

A member of Elks Lodge 319 and Barger Lodge 325 F&AM, Ross attends Our Lady of Victory Church in Tannersville and is a member of the church's steering committee. His community associations include the Loyal Order of the Moose and Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 1106.

Ross' government background includes serving as president of the Monroe County Association of Township Officials and chairing the Monroe County Government Study Commission. In addition, he previously chaired the resolutions committee for the Pennsylvania Association of Township Supervisors and was a member of that organization's publicity committee.

Ross and his wife Joan, a former teacher in the Pocono Mountain School District, have been married for 44 years. They have two grown children: Ashley, a teacher at Barrett Elementary Center, and Clifford, a graphic designer.

The United Way of Monroe County provides health and human services through community initiatives and funding to about 40 local programs. Its targeted need areas include Engaging Youth, Meeting Basic Needs, Helping Children Succeed and Promoting Self-Sufficiency. "Live United" is part of the United Way's new mission of giving, advocating and volunteering to produce lasting changes in the community and advance the common good.

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