Boston, MA (April 14, 2009) – OneUnited Bank announces today the launch of its OneCommunity Employee Volunteer Program. In an era of public service responsibility and economic challenges, OneUnited Bank recognizes the importance of volunteerism. The Bank’s program will provide time off for employees who volunteer for non profit organizations that support economic development, education, affordable housing and other initiatives that improve the quality of life for low-to-moderate income communities.

The OneCommunity Employee Volunteer Program provides OneUnited Bank employees with an opportunity to volunteer their time and talents to worthy and meaningful causes. In appreciation for their efforts, the Bank provides up to 16 hours of additional vacation time off for up to 32 hours of volunteer service performed.

“Our program mirrors the social responsibility and community citizenship that established OneUnited Bank and reflects our high standards,” states Kevin Cohee, Chairman & CEO of OneUnited Bank. “Our goal is 1000 volunteer hours and we encourage every employee to participate.”

In addition to supporting employee volunteerism, OneUnited Bank is participating in community events in each of its markets including:

- **Walk for Hunger** in Boston, MA on Sunday, May 3, 2009 which supports Project Bread ([www.projectbread.org](http://www.projectbread.org)), the state’s leading anti-hunger organization, dedicated to alleviating, preventing, and ultimately ending hunger in Massachusetts including providing over 40 million meals annually.
- **Walk for Autism** in Los Angeles, CA on Saturday, April 25, 2009 for Autism Speaks ([www.autismspeaks.org](http://www.autismspeaks.org)) which is dedicated to increasing awareness of autism and advocating for the needs of affected families. Autism is the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the U.S.
- **Walk for Babies** in Miami, FL on Saturday, April 25, 2009 for the March of Dimes ([www.marchofdimes.com](http://www.marchofdimes.com)), dedicated to improving the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality which disproportionately impact African-American families.

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