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**MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD JOINS  
UNITED WAY OF MONROE COUNTY NETWORK**

United Way of Monroe County proudly announces that Mother Hubbard's Cupboard has been approved to join the United Way network as a member agency. The United Way Board of directors voted unanimously to certify VIM based on a thorough review of the agency. In addition, eight existing member agencies were re-certified. Each of these agencies passed a rigorous set of standards in the areas of governance and oversight, effectiveness, finances, and fundraising practices.

Executive Director of United Way, Barry Lessow commended the decision, "One of United Way's goals for our community is ensuring that everyone has the opportunity for a successful life. Nutritious food is an essential for growth, learning, and health. We are proud to partner with Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, which offers a unique service in our community. In only a few short years, Mother Hubbard's has become the largest distribution point for food provided by the Hoosier Hills Food Bank, another quality member agency. United Way has been working with VIM to ensure there are strong partnerships with our existing 25 member agencies."

Each year one-third of the current member agencies and any applying agencies are reviewed by a United Way committee, including board members, agency representatives, and community volunteers. Under this certification process, agencies retain their status for up to three years. The agencies recertified in 2008 are:

- Boys and Girls Clubs of Bloomington
- Community Kitchen of Monroe County
- Family Service Association
- Girl Scouts of Tulip Trace Council
- Hoosier Hills Food Bank
- Monroe County United Ministries
- People and Animal Learning Services
- Volunteers in Medicine

United Way of Monroe County is a nonprofit organization that improves people's lives by addressing critical needs today and working to reduce those needs tomorrow. Through its Community Care Fund, it allocates resources to 26 member agencies that address the most pressing human service needs in Monroe County. You can find more information at [www.monroeunitedway.org](http://www.monroeunitedway.org).

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