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**United Way names Kathy Ridder the 2010 Recipient of the  
Joe Bonansinga Community Service Award**

**Quincy, IL**— In recognition for exceptional and constant service to the community United Way of Adams County, in conjunction with Quincy Rotary Club, named Kathy Ridder the recipient of the 2010 Joe Bonansinga Community Service Award.

United Way developed the award 13 years ago in honor of its first recipient Joe Bonansinga. It recognizes the impact an individual has on the Adams County community through continual selfless giving. Kathy meets and exceeds the criteria for winning this award.

“I can’t say that I am drawn to helping out; it was just a way of life growing up. The things I have been involved in were just fun to be a part of. I have met many people, made great friends, and have made many memories. It never felt like I was doing something out of the ordinary,” Ridder stated.

She currently serves on the Board of Directors for Madonna House, Community Foundation, and Access Health of Adams County. She is a Resource Investment and Campaign Volunteer for United Way of Adams County, serves on the National Federation of Independent Business Illinois Leadership Council, and the Governor’s Health Insurance Application Working Group. She and her husband John recently founded the Mary Ridder Chery Memorial Fund which will support public and parochial middle school students interested in performing arts and assist them in obtaining instruments, classes, tutoring, lessons and more. They are currently raising funds for the Kyle Russell Memorial Fund which will assist a Quincy Notre Dame student with college expenses. In years prior, Kathy has been a part of countless boards, committees, school and church functions, fundraising efforts, and more.

Kathy’s service goes beyond the time she puts into boards and committees. The volunteer activities and donations she coordinates through JK Creative have also made a great impact on the Adams County community. Her selfless attitude is contagious for those that have the pleasure of working with her.

“Kathy’s labors are done with no motivation other than to give a helping hand and to be a resource to others.” Barb Hicks, Executive Director of Madonna House stated in her nomination. “She does not need to be asked for assistance, she simply sees an opportunity to serve the community, and steps up to do things that make a huge difference in the community.”

The Joe Bonansinga Community Service Award was presented during the Rotary Meeting held at The Holiday Inn Banquet Room on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010.