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### Caring Kitchen Enhancement Project

Speedway SuperAmerica, LLC and United Way of Clark, Champaign and Madison Counties have partnered this year to develop a community enhancement project in Champaign County. For the past several years, Speedway associates have been actively promoting and working with community improvement projects in partnership with United Way. Last year Speedway SuperAmerica's Community Improvement Project was building a playground for Interfaith Hospitality Network, a homeless shelter for women and families in Clark County. Through their partnership with United Way, this project brought together forty vendors and funders and 140 Speedway associates who provided the hard work and sweat.

SSA representatives came to United Way staff again earlier this year to identify an improvement project based on needs in the community. United Way staff identified three possible projects and submitted them to SSA representatives. After reviewing the projects, The Caring Kitchen was chosen to be this year's Community Improvement Project for SSA.

Through the Caring Kitchen's mission, it provides shelter, food, tutoring and outreach services to clients in Champaign County. This year the Caring Kitchen has provided 11,330 meals and shelter to 113 individuals and 25 children. Twenty-six volunteers provided tutoring in the 2007 school year helping 67 students improve their grades.

Doug Crew, SSA Manager, Field Support stated "This is a great opportunity to show support to a wonderful community program that provides so much to so many in need." SSA employees were challenged with Designing a Room for The Caring Kitchen. A committee reviewed all the designs and winners have been chosen. In addition to renovating the Dining Area, Lounge and dormitories, SSA associates will be renovating that back storage area.

John Dobrzeniecki, SSA Manager, Field Support has always held a special interest for The Caring Kitchen since he is a former resident of Urbana. "I've historically designated through the United Way to The Caring Kitchen however, this project gives me an opportunity for a hands-on impact" he stated. Lisa McDonough, Executive Director of The Caring Kitchen, reports "You never know what is going to walk in through the front door of The Caring Kitchen, SSA has been a blessing for the facility in providing a much

needed update for our residents in need Champaign County.” “I am so impressed with the civic responsibility SSA demonstrates and am pleased to have assisted with facilitating their efforts in Champaign County” states Anne Traylor, United Way Coordinator. An open house will be held November 20, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. for anyone interested in seeing the changes to the facility.