

As Hurricane Katrina approached New Orleans in August of 2005, two evacuees began a journey to resettle their lives in Hudson, New York. Upon arriving Kathy Thibeault, accompanied by Brad Poster, appeared on the front page of the Register Star as victims of the storm. Due to the caring power of the community, donations of money and household items poured in, and Kathy began part-time employment at the United Way of Columbia and Greene Counties.

Today, Kathy and Brad (pictured), serve the United Way of Columbia and Greene Counties as members of the Board of Directors. Last week Kathy and Brad, representing the United Way of Columbia and Greene Counties, personally delivered the balance of the agency's Katrina Relief Funds directly to the United Way for the Greater New Orleans Area. Al Sassone (pictured), the Chief Operating Officer of the United Way for the Greater New Orleans Area, expressed sincere thanks to our local agency for the donation, since their fund raising efforts were reduced in half after Katrina's onslaught of the area.

Now under the direction of Executive Director Phil Jackson, the United Way of Columbia and Greene Counties is in a renaissance period, and is reaching their most ambitious goals with the focus of their mission: to maximize resources that improve people's lives, by activating the caring power of our community.

