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## **UNIGROUP'S "5K FOR THE UNITED WAY" RAISES MORE THAN \$10,000**

ST. LOUIS – UniGroup, Inc., the parent company of United Van Lines and other transportation-related companies, held its fourth annual "5K For The United Way" run/walk on Saturday, Sept. 9. The event raised more than \$10,000 for the United Way of Greater St. Louis.

This year's event raised more than any previous year, and participation was increased by 125 attendees over last year. More than a dozen pets, nearly 50 children and more than 60 volunteers also added to the excitement of the day.

"UniGroup has always been a large supporter of the United Way and the agencies it serves within the St. Louis area," said Gary Dollar, president of the United Way of Greater St. Louis. "UniGroup's initiative of the "5K For The United Way" shows the commitment and enthusiasm this organization has for community involvement."

The event featured comments by the chairman of UniGroup's United Way effort Pat Larch; Fenton Mayor Dennis Hancock; and United Way representatives. St. Louis television and fitness personality Heather Hawk served as the guest emcee. This year's event also had more fitness activities than in the past, including a personal trainer-led warm-up, yoga sessions and fitness equipment demonstrations.

"We are very pleased that we were able to hold this event to help the United Way," said Pat Larch, president of Transportation Services Group, a UniGroup company, and chairman of UniGroup's United Way effort. "The day was enjoyable for all involved and best of all, helped to raise much needed funds for such an important organization."

UniGroup, Inc., a \$2 billion transportation and relocation services company based in Fenton, Mo., operates one of the largest privately owned trucking fleets in the United States. It also owns other subsidiaries that provide goods and services to professional movers.