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Companies stepped up big time for United Way

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— Corporate giving is central to any major nonprofit campaign, and especially for the United Way of the Laurel Highlands.

That's why we join the organization in applauding the top five companies in its recently completed 2010 program:

- * Concurrent Technologies Corp. in Richland Township, \$143,000.
- * The National Drug Intelligence Center in downtown Johnstown, \$57,189.
- * DRS Laurel Technologies in Richland, \$50,719.
- * AmeriServ Financial in Johnstown, \$45,000.
- * The Ebensburg Center, Ebensburg, \$35,704.

"Their corporate culture is clearly to give back to the community and their employees stepped up in 2010 at a critical time when we needed their support," Bill McKinney, United Way president, told reporter Ted Potts.

The campaign overall generated \$1.03 million, 94 percent of the \$1.1 million goal. That includes both corporate and individual giving.

The local United Way supports programs in Cambria and Somerset counties.

Hats off to these businesses and their employees for their contributions to the United Way – and to everyone whose generosity helped make the 2010 campaign a success.