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Lancaster's United Disabilities Services Receives \$10,000 Grant From Wells Fargo Foundation

Funds to Help Fund Cost of Service Dog Training

Lancaster-Wachovia, a Wells Fargo company, today announced that the Wells Fargo Foundation has awarded a grant of \$10,000 to Lancaster's United Disabilities Services (UDS). The funds will help defray the cost associated with raising and training of the organization's service dogs.

"UDS provides a vital service to the community; their service dogs help people with physical disabilities live more independent, meaningful lives," says Liz Golding, District Manager for Wachovia Bank in Lancaster. "The waiting list for UDS trained dogs grow every day and we wanted to play a role in making sure this much needed organization can continue to answer the demand for it's expertise."

Gerald Meck CEO of the UDS Foundation stated, "UDS depends on community partners like the Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation to provide financial resources that make it possible for individuals with disabilities to live safely and with dignity in the community. The UDS Services Dogs program is one of the organization's network of services that relies solely on the generosity of community for support. The \$10,000 grant from the Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation will assist the UDS in providing the specialized training required to ensure our dogs become valued personal assistance companions increasing the independence of individuals with disabilities."

United Disabilities Services (UDS) is a not-for-profit corporation headquartered in Lancaster County, providing home and community based services for individuals with disabilities and the elderly. Incorporated in 1970, UDS is a Certified Medical Assistance Provider and has evolved from a small organization to a 24-million-dollar company

providing 12 different programs in 30 counties. UDS has been named one of Central Pa's most innovative organizations and is a 2009 Ethics in Business Award recipient from the Samaritan Counseling Center. For more information, visit our website: udservices.org.

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