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**PacificSource Health Plans' Ken Provencher
honored with United Way's Alton F. Baker Award**

Springfield, Ore. United Way of Lane County awarded Ken Provencher, president and chief executive officer of PacificSource Health Plans, the Alton F. Baker Award – the organization's highest honor – at its annual community celebration held recently.

Provencher received the award for his work as chairman of the "100% Access to Health Care" initiative. The Alton F. Baker Award is presented annually to one individual who demonstrates outstanding humanitarianism in the community.

PacificSource was also one of six companies to be presented the Helping Hands Award for significantly increasing donations during the 2006 United Way campaign. Its employee campaign raised a total of \$52,207, an increase of \$11,000 over 2005.

"I can't think of a more deserving candidate – Ken's changing the community with his personal voluntarism," said Priscilla Gould, executive director of United Way of Lane County. "It's visionary, it's courageous, and it's hard work. Ken shows the passion necessary to do that kind of work."

"It's an honor accept this award, and to continue to provide support for collaborative, community-based solutions to help ensure that everyone has access to necessary health care," said Provencher, who has also participated in the Central Oregon Health Collaborative and the Oregon Health Care Safety Net Advisory Council. "The more involved I become, the more I realize that we have a long way to go to reach our goal. The advantage is that more and more people are working on a solution."

"The work we're doing to change the health care system wouldn't have gotten out of the starting blocks without the work (Provencher has) done," said former Gov. John Kitzhaber. "I'm convinced that without his leadership, this program would not have made the progress that it has."

About PacificSource Health Plans

PacificSource Health Plans is based in Springfield, Ore., with local offices in Portland, Bend, and Medford. Founded in 1933, PacificSource provides medical and dental benefits to more than 4,000 Oregon employers and covers more than 151,000 people with its group and individual health insurance plans. It also provides self-funded employee benefit plans,

flexible spending accounts, health reimbursement arrangements, and COBRA administration services through its subsidiaries, Manley Services and Select Benefit Administrators. Together, PacificSource and its subsidiaries employ 324 people. For more information, visit www.pacificsource.com or call (800) 624-6052.

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