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## Awards Honour Outstanding Organizations!

**February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – Calgary, AB** – The annual Spirits of Gold Awards recognize Calgary’s top organizations that demonstrate distinction in leadership, spirit and excellence. Imperial Oil, Boys and Girls Club, Projex Technologies, were among the 62 organizations nominated for this year’s Spirits of Gold Awards.

“These awards are a time to recognize and honor the incredible efforts from top organizations that went above and beyond during this year’s campaign. We thank each of them for their continued support; it is because of them that we are able to make a lasting difference in our community,” said Ruth Ramsden-Wood, President of United Way of Calgary and Area.

Among the award recipients is KPMG, one of the largest professional services firms in Calgary. KPMG was nominated for the coveted President’s Award, an award that recognizes an organization that goes above and beyond to make their community a better place to live.

“Their energy, creativity of the workplace campaign, commitment and passion was astounding,” said Ruth. “Unity is at the core of building a better and more vibrant community and organizations like KPMG show that when we unite, we can create a better future,” Ruth added.

The Spirits of Gold Awards also gave United Way an opportunity to thank its past Campaign Co-Chairs and formally welcome its new 2011 Campaign Co-Chairs.

John A. Manzoni, President and CEO of Talisman Energy Inc., and Susan Riddell Rose, President and CEO of Perpetual Energy Inc., will be steering United Way’s 2011 campaign. As leaders in the community, the Co-Chairs will lend their expertise and passion for their community to help make the upcoming campaign a success.

“I love it when people so willingly step up to learn more about their community and give back. We thank Susan and John for taking on the role in leading us through our upcoming campaign,” said Ruth Ramsden-Wood.

John A. Manzoni, a graduate of Stanford University, is a highly respected and well rounded executive, with almost 30 years of experience in the international oil and gas business. Known for this creativity, strategic thinking, and holistic, global perspective, Manzoni was welcomed in his current role by Talisman in 2007.

Susan Riddell Rose has 25 years of experience in the Canadian oil and natural gas industry. She began her career as a geological engineer with Shell Canada and progressed in various management capacities. She was appointed to her current role in 2005.

United Way’s annual campaign runs from September to December. Funds raised during the campaign support several United Way led initiatives that make a lasting difference in the community.

For more information on United Way’s work in the community log onto [www.calgaryunitedway.org](http://www.calgaryunitedway.org)



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