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COMMUNITY INVITED TO SHARE OPINIONS ABOUT HEALTH NEEDS WITH EXCELA HEALTH, UNITED WAY

GREENSBURG, PA, August 27, 2012 … Excela Health and the United Way of Westmoreland County are partnering to create a healthier community. Area residents are invited to participate in a community health needs assessment survey. The survey is available online through September 30, and may be accessed through a link on both the Excela Health and United Way Web sites, or directly at http://www.getstrategy.com/healthierWestmoreland/

Survey answers are anonymous. The information gleaned from the collective responses will be used to identify community needs and to plan ways to meet those needs.

"We are pleased to be collaborating with our health care partners to best identify our community needs with regard to education, income and health. This partnership is not only a more robust strategy to conduct the assessment, it is also a more effective and efficient use of all of our limited resources, " said Bobbi Watt Geer, PhD, president ane CEO, United Way of Westmoreland County.

"Providing for the health and wellness needs of our community now and in the future requires long-range planning and widespread support to ensure the place we call home remains vibrant," added Ron Ott, Senior Vice President, Community and Government Relations, Excela Health. "To truly improve the health and well-being of every life we touch, we must assess what we are doing well and where additional health and wellness resources may be needed. Hearing from those who live and work here is vital to this process."