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James R. Campbell Appointed as Special Advisor to UnitedHealth Group

To Have Unique Role as Advisor on Corporate Community Giving

Minnetonka, MN (October 21, 2008) – UnitedHealth Group [NYSE: UNH] today announced that James R. Campbell, prominent community leader and former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Wells Fargo Minnesota, has been appointed as a special advisor to UnitedHealth Group’s growing charitable giving initiatives. Mr. Campbell has also been elected chairman of the board of the United Health Foundation.

UnitedHealth Group’s commitment to the community is consistent with its mission to *help people live healthier lives*. Charitable giving advances health, education and community service in regions where UnitedHealth Group customers and employees work and live. Giving in 2007 was \$38 million—an increase of 20 percent over the previous year. In late 2007, UnitedHealth Group announced *United Minnesota*, a 10-year \$100 million commitment to benefit communities where the company is headquartered.

Campbell has a long history of corporate and community leadership. He has served as the interim Dean of the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota, Chairman of the Itasca Project and served on the boards of Courage Center, Allina Health Systems, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, University of Minnesota Foundation, Junior Achievement, Minneapolis Foundation, Children’s Home Society, and the Minnesota Business Partnership.

His honors include an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree and the Outstanding Achievement and Regents Award from the University of Minnesota, the Renaissance Award from the College of Saint Benedict and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the NAACP.

Stephen J. Hemsley, president and chief executive officer of UnitedHealth Group, said, “Jim Campbell is a man of great personal integrity whose life-long career of corporate and community service aligns with the goals and mission of UnitedHealth Group and the United Health Foundation. We are grateful as a company, as I am personally, that Jim has agreed to provide his counsel and leadership in helping us advance our ongoing commitment to social responsibility, accountability and playing a vital role in the communities where we operate.”

About UnitedHealth Group (UNH: NYSE)

UnitedHealth Group is a diversified health and well-being company dedicated to making health care work better. Headquartered in Minneapolis, Minn., UnitedHealth Group offers a broad spectrum of products and services through six operating businesses: UnitedHealthcare, Ovation, AmeriChoice, OptumHealth, Ingenix, and Prescription Solutions. Through its family of businesses, UnitedHealth Group serves more than 70 million individuals nationwide.

About United Health Foundation

Since established by UnitedHealth Group in 1999, the United Health Foundation has committed more than \$150 million to advance three mission priorities: to provide reliable information to support health and medical decisions that lead to better quality and more cost-effective medical outcomes, to expand access to quality health care for those living in challenging circumstances, and to partner with others to improve community well being.