

**Jennifer Muench of Cox Communications Honored with the First  
Young Leader of the Year Award**

This year, United Way of Santa Barbara County launched the Young Leaders Society to promote and encourage philanthropy and volunteerism among the young leaders in Santa Barbara County through participation in a variety of social, educational, volunteer and networking opportunities. This society is a perfect opportunity for young individuals who want to take active and visible leadership roles in community projects, committees and boards.

On October 13, 2008, United Way's Young Leaders Society awarded Jennifer Muench as the first Young Leader of the Year during the Pacific Coast Business Times "40 Under 40" Dinner at the Topa Tower Club in Oxnard. Jennifer is the Community Relations Manager for Cox where she manages Cox's community involvement, event sponsorships and employee volunteerism. Jennifer also administers Cox's involvement in the Santa Barbara County Education Office's Computers for Families program. Jennifer has excelled as an employee of Cox Communications and is involved in a variety of philanthropic organizations including the United Way.

Under Jennifer's United Way Campaign leadership for Cox, United Way of Santa Barbara County has recognized Cox with the Outstanding Pacesetter Campaign Award, Power of Partnership Employer Award, and Outstanding Campaign of the Year.

If you would like to learn more about United Way's Young Leaders Society, please contact Steve Ortiz, [sortiz@unitedwaysb.org](mailto:sortiz@unitedwaysb.org) or 805.965.8591x111