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Central Ohio American Charities Elects New Board Member

Columbus, Ohio – October 13, 2011 – **Stephen Hunckler**, CPCU, AIC, Vice President/Chief Claims Officer and Risk Control Services Officer was elected to the Board of Directors of Central Ohio American Charities (COAC).

Mr. Hunckler moved to the Columbus area after joining State Auto Insurance Companies in August 2009. He has extensive experience in Claims. His 30-year career includes positions as Chief Claims Officer for Balboa Insurance in Irvine, CA; Senior Vice President of Standard Lines Claims for CNA in Chicago, IL; Regional Vice President of Claims for Travelers and AIG; and Assistant Vice President of Environmental Claims for Zurich Insurance Group.

Steve earned his AIC (Associate in Claims) in May of 1987 and his CPCU in June of 1992. Steve sits on the Board of Directors for the Ohio Insurance Guarantee Association, serves as Secretary and Board member of the Ohio Insurance Institute, and most recently has been elected Board member and Director of Central Ohio American Charities beginning January 1, 2012.

Steve is married to his wife Barbara. They have one son, Thomas. They all reside in Gahanna, OH.