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PHOTO ATTACHED: Tournament Organizer, Jack McNaughton of Honeywell presents trophy to Jerry Smart from FAG Aerospace team and Cheri Kryzanowski from Culliton/Stratford Plastics team (Stratford, ON):

Rain Fails to Dampen Spirits at United Way Tournament

In spite of a lack of cooperation from Mother Nature, 12 teams took to the field this weekend for the 3rd Annual United Way Slo-Pitch Tournament. Co-ed squads from Honeywell, Curtiss Wright, Cullitons, Stratford Plastics, FAG/Schaeffler, Cooper Standard, A. O. Smith, Hendrickson's, D & D Automation, and FIO Automotive braved the rain and enjoyed a day of good fun and sportsmanship for a good cause.

While the weather did not dampen the spirit of the players and volunteers, the field conditions did not fair so well and the final game between FAG Aerospace and the combined team from Cullitons and Stratford Plastics was called a draw, making them co-champions for the 2006 tournament.

Sponsored by Honeywell and the City of Stratford, the tournament is organized by a group of volunteers, headed by Jack McNaughton and is made possible by donations of food and prizes from many community-minded businesses. In terms of spirit, however, the real stars this weekend were the players.

"I am amazed, that in spite of the rain, these folks are not only playing ball but having a great time. What a wonderful display of community spirit and sportsmanship," noted Ellen Balmain, United Way Executive Director.

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