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United Way of West Florida Honors Supporters at Annual Meeting

Pensacola, FL – More than 200 people joined United Way of West Florida at its Annual Meeting to celebrate what they accomplished together the past year and to look ahead to the future.

“So many people have worked so hard to support United Way this past year,” said United Way of West Florida President and CEO Laura Gilliam. “It was great to take a moment to honor some of the individuals and organizations making our community stronger.”

The highlight of the Annual Meeting is the awards presentations. United Way of West Florida hands out 5 awards annually, honoring those who demonstrate a spirit of community service and a commitment to helping others.

This year’s award winners are:

Rayell Irish Award (Outstanding Social Worker)
Lucinda Thompson, Capstone Learning and Therapy Centers

Partner Agency of the Year
Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida

Distinguished Business Partner
City of Pensacola

United Way Service Award
Stacey Graham

Distinguished Community Service Award
Baptist Health Care

United Way also recognized its Top 5 Campaigns. These workplace campaigns donated the most money in the past year, through employee and corporate contributions.

1. Publix
2. Ascend Performance Materials
3. Navy Federal Credit Union
4. Regions Bank
5. United Parcel Service

United Way of West Florida discussed its future at the event, unveiling a new Strategic Plan. The Board of Directors recently approved the 5-year plan, updating the organization's values and setting key priorities.

"The Board felt it was important to update our values to reflect those of our community," said Gilliam. "And to prioritize how our United Way creates solutions for our community's challenges - through transformational investments, building capacity, and connecting people with resources."

United Way of West Florida's Strategic Plan can be found on its website, uwwf.org.

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About UWWF: *United Way of West Florida is a local 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that unifies nonprofit agencies, organizations, businesses - and people - to fight for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. With a vision of a community united to create better opportunities for all, United Way of West Florida's mission is to Unite our community and leverage resources to improve lives. For more information, visit uwwf.org.*