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United Way Recognizes Community Partners at Annual Meeting

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United Way of Escambia County celebrated the successes they shared with partner agencies, donors, and volunteers in the areas of health, education, and financial stability on Thursday at First Baptist Church of Pensacola. As part of the celebration, guests heard from Wendy Spencer, President and CEO of Leadership Florida. Additional program highlights included a detailed Year in Review, and the 20th Anniversary Recognition of United Way's Tocqueville Society.

Outgoing United Way Board Chair, David Peaden, opened the event remarking on the past year's impact on the community, "When factoring in the investment from our workplace campaigns to local nonprofit agencies and their program's results, in total we had an impact of \$13.6 million that we were able to return to our community. As the outgoing Board Chair, I am proud and honored to have served with such an outstanding organization - one that is a true catalyst for life-altering change in the lives of Escambia County citizens."

United Way thanked special partners for helping leverage \$2.97 million in funds to create an \$11.4 million impact. An additional \$2.24 million in matching dollars was drawn by nonprofit partners, resulting in a total community impact of \$13.64 million for the 2016-17 year.

Interim President and CEO, Laura Hill, was honored to recognize the stellar contributions of following individuals and organizations:

RAYELL IRISH, COLOR A BRIGHTER WORLD: Leslie Hunter-Huff, Boys and Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast

UNITED WAY PARTNER AGENCY OF THE YEAR: Legal Services of North Florida

BUSINESS PARTNER OF THE YEAR: West Florida Hospital

UNITED WAY SERVICE AWARD: Momentus Films, Celia and Danny Hilton

DISTINGUISHED COMMUNITY SERVICE: Fran Switzer

At the annual meeting, United Way announced the 2017-18 Board of Directors who will lead community work: **Officers:** Yvette McLellan (Chair), Jack Lowrey (Chair Elect), Tammy Davies (Treasurer), Jo McArthur (Genevieve Harper). **The committee chairs** are Tammy Davies (Women's United Chair), John Floyd (Community Investment Chair), Oliver Sumlin (Nominating Chair), Jack Lowrey (Campaign Chair), KC Gartman (Community Impact Chair), Amy Miller (Campaign Co-chair), and Tim Stronko (Advocacy/211 Chair). **Board Members elected to continued service included:** Meri Asmar, Brett Bennett, Cedric Durre, Cathy England, John Hosman, Trip Maygarden, Jo

McArthur, Matthew Shook, Johnathan Taylor, and Patrice Whitten. **Board Members serving their first term for United Way include:** Daniel Joyner, Kevin Mair, Todd Phillips, BJ Roberts, and Carlton Ulmer.

By living core values of serving the community with Integrity, Leadership, Inclusiveness, Volunteerism and Excellence (I LIVE), United Way of Escambia County is working to meet a mission of uniting our community and leveraging resources to improve lives.

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