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United Way of Chittenden County Enters Year Two of New Three-Year Funding Commitments, Awards \$1.84M to Local Human Service Organizations

APRIL 24, 2015 (South Burlington, VT): United Way of Chittenden County notified 27 agencies that the United Way grants supporting their local community programs will be sustained for FY2015. This continued funding commitment begins the second year of a new three-year funding cycle that United Way launched last year. The announcement is a result of a successful 2014 Community Campaign that raised \$3.85 million from which United Way is investing \$1,845,615 to support local programs in 2015. United Way leverages program funding with advocacy, volunteer recruitment and management and by uniting nonprofits, businesses and community leaders to collaborate.

The application process – including proposal review, evaluation and suggested funding allocations – was overseen by 40 United Way volunteers who serve on the Community Investment Committee and Community Impact Teams. All investments were approved by the United Way of Chittenden County Board of Directors. A detailed report of United Way investments is available online at unitedwaycc.org/impact-report.

In 2014, United Way of Chittenden County initiated a move to three-year funding commitments instead of one. **“We focus on solutions that create lasting change – something that often can’t be accomplished in a single year,”** said Executive Director Martha Maksym. **“It just makes sense. The most rewarding investments are long-term ones.”**

United Way is already seeing positive results from the changes. **“We’ve made the process more efficient for us, for our volunteers and our funded program partners,”** said Amy Carmola, Director of Community Impact. **“Our long-term commitment to programs allows outcomes to develop and gives us the ability to collaborate with organizations to evaluate and optimize programs over time.”**

About United Way of Chittenden County

United Way of Chittenden County unites our whole community to solve complex problems and harness the power of people to create a stronger Chittenden County. United Way convenes advocates, organizations and institutions to address the community's most pressing issues, focusing on the building blocks of a vibrant community: Education, Income and Health. The problems facing our community are complex; they are issues that no single organization or individual alone can solve – real change is possible when nonprofit, public and private sectors work together. United Way has the networks, partnerships and strategic initiatives to improve the lives of our family, friends and neighbors.

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