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UNITED WAY WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL TO HOST FUNDRAISER FEATURING ANNE MOSLE OF THE ASPEN INSTITUTE

LOCAL LEADERS SUPPORT PROGRAMS THAT
IMPROVE THE FINANCIAL STABILITY OF WOMEN AND FAMILIES

February 24, 2015 (SOUTH BURLINGTON, VT): The newly formed United Way of Chittenden County Women's Leadership Council will host a fundraising event on March 18, 2015 at the Elley-Long Music Center at Saint Michael's College from 4:30-7:00PM to support programs that improve the financial stability of women and families in Chittenden County. Following an hour of hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and conversation, the evening will feature Anne Mosle, vice president of the Aspen Institute, who will present *Building an Inter-generational Cycle for Opportunity: Women Leading the Way*.

"We believe that when a network of caring, powerful women get together to create change, anything is possible," said Council Steering Committee Member Co-Chair Linda Tarr-Whelan. **"This will be a very inspiring evening that helps to propel the work of this Council. Together we will help our mothers, sisters, daughters and friends get the support they need to take steps toward breaking the cycle of poverty."**

The Women's Leadership Council's *Signature Issue* is women's financial stability – a topic within United Way's focus on community betterment through improving Education, Income and Health. **"In Vermont, below-average incomes and the high cost of living create few opportunities for struggling women to rise above the poverty line, especially those with families and single mothers. Eighty-one percent of single mother households and 46% of married couples with children make too little to meet their basic needs,"** said United Way of Chittenden County Executive Director Martha Maksym. **"Ms. Mosle is well-versed in this issue and overcoming the barriers to success – we have a lot to learn from her experience. I hope both women and men will join us in exploring what it will take to support women in our community who struggle to make ends meet."**

"The Council hopes this event will not only raise awareness of our Signature Issue, but also help inspire participation and leadership," said Council Steering Committee Member Co-Chair Michell Langlais. **"We're energized by our tremendous potential to help transform our community and want others to join the Women's Leadership Council and support the financial stability and independence of women."**

United Way welcomes the entire community to attend. Admission is \$100. Tickets are available at **annemosle.eventbrite.com**. Sponsored tickets are available for those otherwise cannot afford to attend. A limited number of tickets will be available for purchase at the door. For information contact Ruthann Hackett at ruthann@unitedwaycc.org or 802-861-7831. UVM Medical Center, University of Vermont, Hickok & Boardman Financial Planning and PC Construction generously support this event.

ABOUT ANNE MOSLE

Anne Mosle is a vice president at the Aspen Institute and executive director of Ascend at the Aspen Institute. She is a leading thinker, advocate and voice in building pathways to opportunity for low-income

families and women. She has more than 20 years of experience in policy and philanthropy. Mosle is the author of *The Shriver Report: A Woman's Nation Pushes Back from the Brink*.

ABOUT THE COUNCIL

The United Way of Chittenden County Women's Leadership Council is a unique movement of women working together to create change. The Council harnesses the power of women to engage, educate and empower others to become leaders and actively participate in the betterment of our community. We invest time, talent, influence and resources to be true agents of change. The Women's Leadership Council invites all to work together to develop philanthropic power as community investors, advocates and volunteers. Our Steering Committee works to guide Council activity and encourage membership:

- Charlotte Ancel, Green Mountain Power
- Heidi Auclair, Morway's Moving & Storage
- Jessica Brumsted, Community Volunteer
- Jenn Cortez, Green Mountain Power
- Kelly Devine, Burlington Business Association
- Stephanie Dion, Champlain College
- Yael Friedman, University of Vermont Medical Center
- Rebecca Gamble, Community Volunteer
- Wanda Heading-Grant, University of Vermont
- Ellen Kane, Fanny Allen Foundation
- Cari Kelley, Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Gov. Madeleine Kunin, University of Vermont
- Michell Langlais, Westport Hospitality
- Martha Maksym, United Way of Chittenden County
- Brigitte Ritchie, KeyBank
- Linda Seaver, Starr Farm Nursing Center
- Amy Shea, Westport Hospitality
- Rubi Simon, Fletcher Free Library
- Janet Spittler, Community Volunteer
- Linda Tarr-Whelan, Community Volunteer
- Brigitte White, Hickok & Boardman Network of Companies

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.

For more information or to get involved, visit www.unitedwaycc.org.

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