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Brenda Williams Appointed to National Women United Board

August 15, 2016 – Olympia, Wash. – Olympia business owner and community volunteer Brenda Williams has been appointed to serve on the board of the national United Way Worldwide Women United. She is the first woman from Washington State to be appointed to this countrywide board.



Photo courtesy Brenda Williams

Williams, who is co-owner of TAGS Awards and Specialties, and an active member of the Women's Leadership Council of United Way of Thurston County, has lived in Olympia since 1993. Her interest in women's issues started when she attended the all-women Smith College.

"Representing not only Olympia, but the entire Northwest on this national stage is an honor and a privilege," notes Williams. "I am eager to share what we have been working on in Thurston County as well as learn about other projects across the nation and bring those ideas back home."

"Brenda's local leadership has been essential to the success of the Women's Leadership Council," states Patricia Hart, Development Director at United Way of Thurston County. "We are thrilled to have her representing us at the national level."

The Women's Leadership Council of the United Way of Thurston County has close to 90 active members who participate in monthly meetings as well as an annual auction, Power of the Purse, which will be held on April 28, 2017 at Indian Summer Golf and Country Club.

About the Women's Leadership Council

The United Way Women's Leadership Council (WLC), also known as Women United, is a global network of more than 70,000 women in 155 communities across six countries, all dedicated to improving lives and creating stronger communities. Nationally, these women make up the single most successful organization of its kind. Since its inception in 2002, the Women's Leadership Council has raised more than \$1 billion to drive real and lasting change. The contributions of these women leaders go well beyond financial donations: they get involved, shake things up and make a measurable difference in their own backyard and around the world.

Women's Leadership Council members speak up, unite and take action on issues that hit closest to home—by giving, advocating and volunteering. Members' ages, ethnic backgrounds, professions and interests are diverse. The one common denominator is a belief in the power of community change: by working together to take on complex challenges, we all benefit. Beyond making an annual financial

contribution, members invest their time, professional expertise and talent to advance causes they care passionately about, while connecting with other powerful, committed women in the community.

The United Way Women's Leadership Council aims to be the most recognized, esteemed and flourishing network of its kind, maximizing the contribution of women to the Council and their communities on all levels—local, national and global.

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