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Welcome!

Each year, we look forward to this day filled with connection and philanthropy. Today, we promote United Way’s impact in education and honor Karen Timberlake with the Women United Philanthropy Award for her dedicated service and leadership in our community.

All proceeds from today’s event will support education in Dane County. Text “Women4Change” to 404-03 to make a gift!

Women United is a diverse, vibrant community of women who believe supporting Dane County’s children is crucial. We strive for a community where children are cared for and have fun as they become prepared for school, and students succeed academically and graduate high school prepared for higher education, career and community. We ignite the power of women — who bring the passion, expertise and resources needed to get things done — to create lasting change in our community.

Join Women United today to make a difference, volunteer, network and advocate for education. All are welcome to join, and it is easy to sign up at www.unitedwaydanecounty.org/WomenUnited.

Karen Timberlake
Secretary-Designee, Wisconsin Department of Health Services

Karen’s optimism, passion and long-standing dedication to her public sector and nonprofit work has made a lasting impact on our community. And throughout her professional and personal life, she’s made the most of every opportunity to champion the potential of other women and our younger generations.

From her education at Harvard Law School to her impressive resume — including positions such as Director with the Population Health Institute at the University of Wisconsin, Partner at Michael Best Strategies and her renewed role as Secretary-Designee with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services — she brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to Dane County. And she’s no stranger to the challenges families face every day as they work to build stable, successful and healthy lives. But she believes strongly in our collective potential.

“Everyone in Dane County deserves a full and fair opportunity to live the life they choose and to succeed in ways that are meaningful to them,” she says. “We know that there is a great deal of work in front of us to address long-standing structural barriers to opportunity in this community. But we are also a prosperous community with nearly unlimited potential! It is on all of us to do the best we can with the time, relationships and ingenuity given to us to create the conditions for a successful community.”

A steadfast champion for change, Karen joined the United Way Healthy for Life Community Solutions Team in 2011, and followed up with even more volunteer commitments to our Vision Council, our Board of Directors and our Public Policy Committee — all while maintaining a family, a career and a position on the board of a Wisconsin healthcare system. But, regardless of her incredible commitment to this community, she remains humble, noting that it takes each and every one of us to create the change we wish to see.

“Contributions that I have made to the work of United Way and the broader Dane County or state community have been the direct result of the opportunities afforded to me and the people I’ve been fortunate to partner with over the years,” she shares. “The credit for this honor goes to the talented staff at United Way of Dane County, the dedicated leaders on their board, the nonprofit and local government partners with whom we work, and the people who call Dane County home — a great many of whom are doing quiet, unsung good works every single day to make this a community that works better for more people.”

We are beyond grateful to Karen for uplifting not only the work we do at United Way, but the good being done across our community. While it takes a village to make a real difference, we know that we wouldn’t be where we are today without her unyielding support.

In honor of our Centennial year, we’re aiming to raise $100,000 for Schools of Hope! Please consider donating to support education efforts as we launch into the next century.