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KAREN TIMBERLAKE RECEIVES WOMEN UNITED PHILANTHROPY AWARD

Madison, WI (September 19, 2022) – Karen Timberlake, Secretary-Designee at the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, was honored with the Women United Philanthropy Award at United Way’s Women United Brunch, which took place on Friday, September 16. Each year, this prestigious award celebrates and acknowledges a woman who is committed to helping make our community a better place to live, for all. The award also honors a woman’s achievements in educating, empowering and inspiring women and children to be philanthropic leaders in Dane County.

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.”

“Karen’s passion, effectiveness and long-standing dedication to health and doing things better has made a lasting impact on our community,” says Renee Moe, President & CEO of United Way of Dane County. “For more than a decade, she’s volunteered her wealth of knowledge and experience, helping us make sure that more local families have what they need to lead healthy, thriving lives. We’re beyond grateful to her for uplifting not only the work we do at United Way, but the good being done across our community!”

As the tenth recipient of this award, Karen joins nine other amazing honorees:

- 2013 – Holly Cremer Berkenstadt, The Wisconsin Cheeseman
- 2014 – Londa Dewey, The QTI Group
- 2015 – Enid Glenn, Wisconsin Department of Children and Families
- 2016 – Ginger Zimmerman, Murphy Desmond S.C.
- 2017 – Sue Riseling, UW-Madison Police
- 2018 – Anna Burish, UBS The Burish Group
- 2019 – Barbara Nichols, Wisconsin Nurses Association
- 2020 – Fabiola Hamdan, Dane County Immigration Affairs
- 2021 – Major General Marcia Anderson, U.S. Army and U.S. Court

To read Karen’s full bio and/or make a gift, visit [our website](#). **With more than \$48,000 raised from this event as of Friday morning, we are making significant progress towards our goal of \$100,000 to benefit education efforts in honor of our Centennial year. And we’ll continue to accept donations for this event’s fundraiser through Friday, September 23!** Please consider giving today.

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All proceeds from this event benefit Schools of Hope – working to support students post-pandemic and to improve the academic achievement of kindergarten through fifth grade kids through tutoring and individual support.

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About United Way of Dane County:

For 100 years, United Way of Dane County has mobilized the caring power of our community to create lasting change for multiple generations. With a mission to unite the community to achieve measurable results that change lives, we are committed to being a catalyst for inclusion and systemic change – working collaboratively with local nonprofits, businesses, community leaders, donors, volunteers and families to solve big-picture issues no one person or organization can address alone. Together, we are The Power of Many. Working for All. And we invite every Dane County resident to be a part of the change we all wish to see. Visit www.unitedwaydanecounty.org to learn more.

About Women United:

Women United is a diverse, vibrant community bound together by a powerful sense of belonging – to each other, to our mission and to our community. Women United members fight for the education of every child in Dane County. This local network of more than 1,000 individuals is an emerging force, investing in and advocating for quality educational experiences from early childhood through high school. To learn more, visit www.unitedwaydanecounty.org/womenunited.