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Capital Area United Way Recognizes Volunteers and Award Recipients at Annual Meeting

Baton Rouge, La. (July 22, 2021) – Members of the Capital Area United Way Board of Directors, along with volunteers, donors, corporate and community partners, gathered to celebrate the 2020 Workforce Campaign and kick off CAUW's 97th year during the organization's Annual Meeting.

A slate of board members were nominated and elected to serve the organization. Board members at large are: Cheri Ausberry, Entergy Louisiana; Virginia Bell, St. Helena Parish School District; John Brown, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana; John Everett, IBERIABANK; Robert Harrison, Southern University Foundation; Scott Huffstettler, Kean Miller LLP; Stan Levy, SASSO; Jackie McCreary, The Mosaic Company; Jayson Newell, Baton Rouge Area Chamber; Dai Nguyen, Shell; Tina Schaffer, Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System; Melissa Silva, Mental Health Association of Greater Baton Rouge; Nick Speyrer, Emergent Method; Winship Songy, Delta Land Services, LLC; Dr. Aldo Russo, Ochsner Health System; and, Clay Young with Clay Young Enterprises LLC.

New board officers are: Board Chair – Amanda Stout, McGlinchey Stafford; Board Chair Elect – Michelle Hardy, Turner Industries; Secretary – Joseph Britt, Westlake Chemical; Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair – Glenda Minor, Silket Advisory Services; Resource Development Chair – Dave Luecke, ExxonMobil; Communications and Marketing Chair – Jolen Stein, BASF; Community Impact Chair – Dr. Gaines Foster, Louisiana State University; Community Impact Chair Elect – Eric Dexter, Civil Solutions Consulting Group; Past Board Chair and Governance Committee Chair – Aaron Stanford, Morgan Stanley; Major Gifts/Gottlieb Chair – Mike Albano, DOW; and President and CEO – George Bell.

Awards were given to the following:

- Corporate Excellence Award – for a company who continuously provides excellent financial and volunteer support in the community through United Way - presented to **NOVA Chemicals Corporation**
- ALICE Award – for bringing a voice and helping United Way create solutions around the ALCE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) population – presented to **Louisiana Association of United Ways**
- Impact Award – given to a CAUW grantee for their extraordinary dedication and commitment to the community – presented to **Top Box Foods of Louisiana**
- Outstanding Board Member Award – for providing outstanding support and leadership - presented to **Aaron Stanford**
- Employee Campaign Coordinator (ECC) of the Year Award - given to an individual(s) who truly exemplifies what it means to LIVE UNITED – presented to **Mindy Murray** and **Meg Mahoney** with **Methanex Corporation**
- Volunteer United – presented to an individual who has gone over and beyond with volunteer efforts through Capital Area United Way – presented to **Charlene Montelaro**
- “Outside of the Box” Innovation Award – given to a company that went over and beyond to “think outside the box” for their annual campaign – presented to **Pennington Biomedical Research Center**
- Community Responsiveness Award – recognizes an individual, company or organization that has responded to the needs of the community – presented to **the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Volunteers**

Individual Campaign Awards can be found at www.cauw.org/corporatepartners. To learn how you can partner with Capital Area United Way, visit www.cauw.org.

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Capital Area United Way

For more than 97 years, Capital Area United Way has touched thousands of lives in our 10-parish area. We envision a community where everyone is empowered to reach their full potential. Our mission is to solve our community's toughest challenges by leveraging partnerships to advance the common good in education, income stability, and healthy living. To learn more visit www.cauw.org.