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Capital Area United Way Women United Hosts Celebrate the Power of Women Awards Breakfast

Baton Rouge, La. (December 7, 2021) – Capital Area United Way Women United honored several members of the community during its annual Celebrate the Power of Women celebration on Thursday, December 2nd at L’auberge Hotel and Casino. The event, sponsored by BASF, featured LSU Ambassador and former LSU Gymnastics Head Coach D-D Breaux as the keynote speaker.

The following awards were presented and honored individuals from 2020 and 2021:

- **Excellence in Social & Community Investment** honors an individual in business (profit or non-profit) who strives to positively impact the community, exemplifies a spirit of passion and groundbreaking achievement that leads the way for others through their integrity, compassion, credibility, humility, and empowerment of others.
 - o **2020: Camilla Ford**, Owner, Design for Living and Gabriella Rothschild; **Padma Vatsavai**, Founder and CEO of Vinformatix
 - o **2021: Allison B. Hudson**, former Public Information Officer/Crime Victims Investigator, Ascension Parish Sheriff’s Office. She is currently with the City of Houston’s Office of Emergency Management as an Emergency Manager and Public Information Officer

- **Legacy of Service** honors a leader who has had a positive influence on the community and will “leave a legacy” on our 10-parish service area. This individual exemplifies service above self through civic and/or community engagement.
 - o **2020: Tamiko F. Garrison**, Ascension Parish Justice of the Peace
 - o **2021: Gloria Moncada**, Vice President of Americas Fuels, ExxonMobil

- **UNITED 40** honors the power of an individual 40 years of age and under that is striving to make a positive and lasting impact in our community. This young ambassador is an up & coming difference maker who is just beginning a lifelong commitment to service.
 - o **2020: Alsie Dunbar**, Senior Environmental Engineer, Bayer; **Lindsey Rey**, Production Engineers – Specialty Amines, BASF
 - o **2021: Jessica Trepagnier**, Director of Community Development and Marketing, Aetna

- **Woman of Inspiration** honors an individual who not only tirelessly fills a vital role of service in our community but demonstrates passion in giving back and advocates for others to join the crusade.
 - o **2020: Tristi Charpentier**, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, Huey and Angelina Wilson Foundation
 - o **2021: Carol M. Patin, M.D.**, General Obstetrics & Gynecology Doctor and Chief Medical Officer, Southeast Community Health Systems.

- **Woman of Inspiration Team Award** honors a team of women who not only tirelessly fill a vital role of service in our community but demonstrate passion in giving back and advocates for others to join the crusade.
 - o **2020: Danielle Panepinto**, Staff Assistant to Management, ExxonMobil; **Heather Millis**, Senior Assistant Administrator, ExxonMobil; **Lauren Johnson**, Chemist, ExxonMobil

As part of the Gottlieb Society of Capital Area United Way (those who give at a leadership level of \$1,000 or more), Women United seeks to improve the lives of those in the Capital Area with a focus on income stability. Women United is committed to excellence in community service, fundraising, and dedication to the renewal, development, and empowerment of its members.

****Photos are available upon request.***

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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 service 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.