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RAPPAHANNOCK UNITED WAY RECEIVES FOUR-STAR RATING FROM CHARITY NAVIGATOR FOR 3 YEARS IN A ROW.

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For the fourth year in a row, Rappahannock United Way (RUW) received a four-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest and most utilized evaluator of charities. Charity Navigator measures a charity's ability to effectively manage and grow its finances. RUW uses **86.6 percent of its funds toward programming** with the remaining funds split between administrative and fundraising costs.

Four stars from Charity Navigator means that RUW "exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities in its cause."

Only 1 of 4 charities rated by Charity Navigator reach the four-star rating.

"Our donors and grantors trust us with their most precious gifts: time, resources and money, so Rappahannock United Way works diligently to ensure the highest return on investment," said Rappahannock United Way President, Janel Donohue. *"The Four-Star Charity Navigator Rating is an acknowledgment that we are living our core values – Respect, Integrity, Service, Accountability and Stewardship – and we are delighted by that."*

Receiving four out of a possible four stars from Charity Navigator indicates that RUW adheres to good governance and other best practices that minimize the chance of unethical activities and consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way. **Only 6% of the charities rated by Charity Navigator received at least 4 consecutive 4-star evaluations**, indicating that RUW outperforms most other charities in America.

This "exceptional" designation from Charity Navigator differentiates Rappahannock United Way from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust.

About Rappahannock United Way: Founded in 1939, Rappahannock United Way is a local nonprofit organization serving the city of Fredericksburg, and the counties of Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania and Stafford. Rappahannock United Way is working to advance the common good by focusing on education, income and health. These are the building blocks for a good life—a quality education that leads to a stable job, enough income to support a family through retirement, and good health. Our goal is to create long-lasting changes that prevent problems from happening in the first place.

We invite our community to be part of the change. Together, united, we can inspire hope and create opportunities for a better tomorrow. That's what it means to LIVE UNITED.