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RAPPAHANNOCK UNITED WAY CELEBRATES NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

April 4, 2016 – Fredericksburg, VA – For local citizens like Brian Wolfe, volunteering is an important community commitment.

“What I enjoy most about volunteering with Rappahannock United Way is knowing that the community becomes a better place because of the efforts of so many citizens,” said Wolfe, who has volunteered at Rappahannock United Way in various roles over the past 16 years. “It’s amazing to see how members of our community truly care about where they live and go above and beyond in helping others. By getting involved, you are introduced to the community that we live in.”

Wolfe is one of hundreds of volunteers who help programs thrive at Rappahannock United Way. Volunteers like Wolfe are critical to the mission of the organization.

“This week we celebrate all the individuals and organizations that continuously go the extra mile with extra effort and creativity to make their community strong and vibrant,” said Janel Donohue, President of Rappahannock United Way, recognizing National Volunteer Week. “Thank you. Thank you for lending your time and talents and making an impact on thousands of lives in our community.”

National Volunteer Week, April 10-16, 2016, is about taking action and encouraging individuals and their respective communities to be at the center of social change – discovering and demonstrating their collective power to make a difference.

“Volunteers are critical to Rappahannock United Way because it takes everyone in the community working together to create a brighter future. Together we can accomplish more than any single group can on its own,” said Donohue. “When we reach out a hand to one, we influence the condition of all. That’s what it means to LIVE UNITED. Volunteers infuse energy

and skill into every project. Volunteers allow Rappahannock United Way to multiply the value of every donor dollar, ensuring that every donation makes the greatest impact.”

Looking for a local volunteer opportunity? Rappahannock United Way manages an online Volunteer Center – www.RUWVolunteer.org. Local nonprofits can post their volunteer opportunities and in-kind needs. Local citizens can easily search the website for volunteer opportunities in the Greater Fredericksburg region and sign up online.

“There is one central location where you can find local volunteer opportunities with just one click – www.RUWVolunteer.org,” said Terri Center, who manages the Volunteer Center at Rappahannock United Way. “It’s like one-stop shopping. It will save you time and energy. If you’ve thought about volunteering, it’s the perfect place to get started.”

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