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RAPPAHANNOCK UNITED WAY CREATES NEW HERITAGE CIRCLE GROUP

April 14, 2017 – Fredericksburg, VA – What does passion for the community look like?

Gather a group of people who have served on the Rappahannock United Way Board of Directors over the past 50 years for reminiscing and reconnecting and their passion is quite evident.

That's exactly what happened this month when the Rappahannock United Way Heritage Circle came together for the first time for an inauguration ceremony and a chance to become re-engaged with the organization.

"We wanted to create this new group to recognize their leadership and dedication to Rappahannock United Way," said Janel Donohue, President of Rappahannock United Way. "Their work on the board may have concluded, but we know their passion for the United Way mission continues. We look forward to engaging this outstanding group with advisory and volunteer opportunities as we improve lives right here in our community."

Twenty-six past and sixteen current Rappahannock United Way board members were present at the ceremony this week. Many shared their thoughts about the organization.

"This is us helping us," said Charles Havasy, former Rappahannock United Way Board Member, reflecting on some of the things he appreciates about how Rappahannock United Way. "We take care of our own here. Our dollars are working here. We make them go farther."

The room was full of similar comments about how the organization has helped our community and continues to do so.

“I think anyone who has served with United Way has to be very proud of what United Way has done over the years,” said John Davenport, Past Secretary of the Board. “We became a model for other United Ways in Virginia. You’ve continued to build on a tremendous foundation sparked by Barbara Terry. No one could ever say no to Barbara.”

Want to become involved with Rappahannock United Way? Visit www.RappahannockUnitedWay.org to find out how to GIVE, ADVOCATE or VOLUNTEER.

About Rappahannock United Way

Founded in 1939, Rappahannock United Way is a local nonprofit organization serving Fredericksburg, Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania and Stafford. Our mission is to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of our community. Our goal is to have more households emerge from poverty and achieve greater financial stability. Together, we can create opportunities for a better tomorrow. That’s what it means to LIVE UNITED.

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