

NEWS RELEASE



West Central Connecticut

Contact:

Colleen Younghans
Operations/Communications Director
United Way of West Central Connecticut
200 Main Street
Bristol, CT 06010
Telephone: 860-582-9559
Email: colleen.younghans@ctunitedway.org

DATE: June 23, 2008

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

United Way Names Donna Osuch as Interim President

The Board of Directors for the United Way of West Central Connecticut is pleased to announce the appointment of Donna Osuch, MSW, as Interim President & CPO effective July 1, 2008. Donna has served the United Way of West Central Connecticut for four years as Community Impact Coordinator.

Donna earned a Bachelor's Degree from DePauw University in Indiana and a Masters Degree in Social Work from the University of Connecticut. Prior to her employment at United Way, Donna served as the Director of Child Care and Early Education at the Connecticut Association for Human Services.

Since 2004, Donna has coordinated United Way's community impact efforts, resulting in increased funding and partnerships for the communities of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville & Plymouth. With her leadership, the Kids in the Middle (KIM) Initiative was formed and has since flourished. Donna has coordinated and supported the Discovery Initiative in Bristol and Plymouth, an initiative of the William Caspar Graustein Memorial Fund that focuses on the area of early childhood education. She has also established a Senior Community Solutions Council, which has been working on reducing isolation and increasing supportive services for older adults. Donna has built partnerships and leveraged funds to ensure United Way has been a leader in creating growth and lasting changes here in our community.

Board Chair Anthony Malavenda commented: "The Board of the United Way is very pleased that Donna has agreed to serve as Interim CPO. She has the experience and skills that will keep United Way moving forward with its current agenda. Donna is highly regarded in the community as a community impact leader. We look forward to working with Donna in her new role."

Outgoing President Cary Dupont was also pleased with the decision: "Donna has been a terrific leader in building several community partnerships for United Way in recent years. Together with our current staff, I am confident that they are well-positioned to lead this United Way into the future."

United Way is working to advance the common good here in our community. In order to do that, they are creating opportunities that allow people to have a better life. A better life includes a quality education that leads to a stable job, income that can support a family through retirement, and good health. They are asking everyone in the community to step up and give, advocate, volunteer, and ultimately, LIVE UNITED. Do you LIVE UNITED?

Established in 1922 as the Community Chest of Bristol, the United Way of West Central Connecticut now also serves the towns of Burlington, Plainville and Plymouth. The United Way of West Central Connecticut is one of 18 independent United Ways in Connecticut and one of nearly 1,300 national and worldwide agencies.

###