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**ANNUAL MEETING FEATURES NEW BOARD MEMBERS,
KITTRIDGE AWARD, NONPROFIT'S ROLE IN ECONOMY**

MAY 24, 2017 - KENNEBUNK, ME. United Way of York County supporters gathered on May 23rd at the Dunegrass Golf Club in Old Orchard Beach for the 2017 United Way Annual Meeting. Attendees met incoming Board Members and thanked those who have completed their term. Highlights were shared about the important work started in 2016 that has continued into 2017 and beyond. The event concluded with the presentation of the 2017 Elise Kittredge Award to the Eagleson family.

As part of the business portion of the meeting, United Way of York County Board Chair Dave Derro of Pratt & Whitney passed the gavel to incoming Chair Michael Brigham of ImmuCell. Brigham welcomed two new Board Members: Sara Havard of Wasco Products and Paige Streeter with Libby O'Brien Kingsley & Champion, LLC. Two board members were re-elected for a second term: Jon Hussey of Hussey Seating and Andy Orazio from the Sanford-Springvale YMCA. Brigham also thanked outgoing board member Jon Carter, Town Manager for the Town of Wells, who served from 2014 to 2017.

Highlights of the organization's 30th year, celebrated in 2016, were shared. In 2017, United Way of York County will focus on increasing its early literacy efforts through expansion of the Volunteer Reader Project and installation of additional Read York County literacy resources. Also, continued growth of youth engagement and leadership opportunities within schools and the community is planned, as well as a focus on increasing the year-round availability of healthy foods for children and seniors.

The meeting's keynote speaker, Jennifer Hutchins, Executive Director of Maine Association of Nonprofits, presented attendees with the economic impact that nonprofits have in the state. According to Hutchins, one in six Maine workers is employed by a Maine nonprofit, and the state's public reporting charities contributed \$11 billion to the economy in 2014.

The event drew to a close with the presentation of the Elise Kittredge Award that recognizes those who through their "exceptional contribution of time, talent and financial resources to United Way of York County," has helped the organization effect long-lasting changes in the community. The 2017 Kittredge Award was given to the Eagleson family, which operates Baker in Sanford. CEO Dennis Eagleson volunteered his time with United Way of York County beginning in the early 1990s. He served on the Board of Directors from 1991 to 1995, and after that served on the Strategic Planning Committee. His dedication to the organization earned Dennis a Kittredge Award in 1999. Son David, current Baker President, served on the

Board of Directors from 2011 to 2014. Son Dan, Sr. VP of Baker, has served on the organization's Community Review Team since 2014. The Eagleson family has dedicated countless hours to United Way of York County, and they encourage their employees to give back to the community as well. In the past decade alone, Baker's employee and corporate dollar-for-dollar contributions to United Way of York County have exceeded \$500,000.



Pictured in photo (left to right): Barb Wentworth, United Way of York County President & CEO; and Eagleson family members Jenny, Dan, Pam, Dennis, David and Alice.

About United Way of York County

United Way of York County strengthens community conditions by bringing people and resources together to effect long-lasting changes that improve lives. Together we focus on important issues that impact the well-being of children, youth, seniors and families in our community.

To learn more about United Way of York County and be a part of the change you want to see in the world, visit www.buildcommunity.org or call 207-985-3359 to learn how you can Give, Advocate or Volunteer.

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