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United Way Honors Community “Game Changers” at Annual Awards Ceremony

Brown Brothers Harriman Named Corporate Partner of the Year, Firm Shares Volunteer Honors

BOSTON – United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley honored the people, businesses, and nonprofits that create real change and “get things done” in their communities at its annual awards ceremony last night. Brown Brothers Harriman took home two awards for the firm’s efforts within the community including Corporate Partner of the Year and Volunteer of the Year (jointly awarded). Additional awards included Volunteer of the Year, the Innovation Award, Community Partner of the Year, Employee Campaign Manager of the Year, Committee Volunteer of the Year, and the Live United Spirit Award. [For more information on the nominees in each category please visit our Facebook album.](#)

“United Way is fortunate to work with thousands of partners and volunteers working to create significant change in their communities,” said United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley president and CEO, Michael K. Durkin. “Last night we honored those community game changers who have gone above and beyond by strategically uniting to get things done.”

Brown Brothers Harriman employees participate in monthly volunteer activities with United Way and partner agencies, focusing on the College Readiness Network; a program BBH put in place to raise awareness about ways to increase the graduation rate in eastern Massachusetts.

“We are delighted to be recognized by United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley,” said BBH Partner, Rick Berk. “It is rewarding to know that the efforts made by our firm throughout the year are helping ensure United Way can accomplish their mission to improve lives through the power of community. As BBH continues to expand our philanthropic programming, we will carry on the theme of GIVE. VOLUNTEER. ADVOCATE. and provide various ways for our employees to be involved.”

Award recipients and nominees:

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Award Recipient: Phil Catchings

John Grumbacher (Goulston & Storrs)

Pam Scott (LVCC, Inc.)

COMMUNITY PARTNER OF THE YEAR

Award Recipient: Somerville Homeless Coalition

Ellis Memorial and Eldredge House

Massachusetts Mentoring Partnership

YWCA Malden

CORPORATE PARTNER OF THE YEAR

Award Recipient: Brown Brothers Harriman

Bank of America

P&G/Gillette

EMPLOYEE CAMPAIGN MANAGER(S) OF THE YEAR

Award Recipient: Dave Ortone (UPS)

Jeff Beale, Diane Brissette & Phyllis Mastin (Eaton Vance)

Edward Habermehl & Angelleen Peters-Lewis (Brigham and Women's Hospital)

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Award Recipients: Jeff Miller (BBH) & Dan Wilkins (PWC)

Jan Cooper

Wyndson DePetro (Marcus Partners) & Ben Sayles (HFF)

INNOVATION AWARD

Award Recipient: Centerboard

Award Recipient: State Street and State Street Foundation

Associates Advisory Council

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts

LIVE UNITED SPIRIT AWARD

Award Recipient: Krissy Davis (Deloitte)

Bret Leone-Quick (Mintz Levin)

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The award nominees were selected and voted on by a committee of United Way senior staff members. The nomination committee based consideration on accomplishments from 2011. The awards were presented at Umbria Prime Restaurant in a ceremony that pays thanks to the many hands that work together to drive community change.

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About United Way of Massachusetts Bay & Merrimack Valley

One of the region's largest nonprofits, United Way's work ensures that children enter school ready to learn, youth stay engaged in school so they graduate with options for the future, and parents attain financial stability. No other single organization has the scope, expertise, and influence to bring together hundreds of human services agencies, government, businesses, private foundations and dedicated volunteers around a common vision of creating maximum impact and achieving long-lasting results.