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United Way of North Central Florida becomes North Central Florida Alliance for the Homeless and Hungry Lead Agency

GAINESVILLE, Fla (Oct. 12, 2018) – As of July 1, United Way of North Central Florida (UWNCFL) began serving as the lead agency for the North Central Florida Alliance for the Homeless and Hungry (Alliance), the local Continuum of Care (CoC).

The Alliance is just one of UWNCFL’s partnership initiatives to help create lasting change in our community. As lead agency, UWNCFL serves as the fiscal agent and administers grants from several funding sources, including the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

“We are excited about the opportunity to bring transparency, accountability and proactivity to this process,” said Mona Gil de Gibaja, MSW, Ph.D., UWNCFL President and CEO. “We look forward to working with all of the CoC partners, business leaders and elected officials to make homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring in North Central Florida.”

The Alliance provides resources to help homeless families and individuals in Alachua, Bradford, Gilchrist, Levy and Putnam counties. This service area nearly overlaps with UWNCFL, with the exception of Dixie and Union, which are not included in the Alliance, and Putnam, which is not part of UWNCFL’s counties.

It is important to note that no UWNCFL donor dollars will be directed to the Alliance or CoC programs unless the donor designates their gift that way. Furthermore, this new role will not affect any of the 34 programs currently being funded through UWNCFL’s Community Investment Fund.

UWNCFL will work closely with the Governance Board of the CoC to ensure grant funding is used to meet the needs of the homeless in our community.

For more information on United Way of North Central Florida’s role as lead agency of the Alliance, please contact Mona Gil de Gibaja at MGildegibaja@unitedwayncfl.org.

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United Way of North Central Florida has been a staple in the community since 1957. We serve a six-county area that includes Alachua, Bradford, Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy and Union counties. Since our inception, we have raised nearly \$100 million for the region. Our mission is to positively impact the education, health and financial stability of the people living in our region. Since 2011, we have consistently received four out of four stars from Charity Navigator for accountability and transparency. We have also been awarded a gold rating for GuideStar.

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