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Thanks for joining us for a great celebration on May 1st!
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See why your support of United Way is so important.

## SAVE THE DATE!

Sept  
TBD

### Ribbon Cutting

Join United Way for the Ribbon Cutting of the newly remodeled basement area that houses our Gift in Kind program, Day of Sharing and The Louis Greenspan Children's Corner. For more information, call 845-471-1900 x 3113.

Sept  
11

### 9-11 Day of Service

Find your volunteer opportunity at [volunteer.uwdor.org](http://volunteer.uwdor.org) or call 845-471-1900 ext 3106.

Sept  
24

### Annual Community Breakfast

Saluting two Community Champions, Dr. Pamela Edington (Dutchess Community College) and Dr. Kristine Young (Orange County Community College) as well as The Art Effect and Cornerstone Family Healthcare. RSVP today: [www.uwdor.org/breakfast2019](http://www.uwdor.org/breakfast2019) or call 845-471-1900 ext 3126.

Oct  
21-26

### Make a Difference Week

Volunteers are rolling up their sleeves to give back across our two counties this week. Presented with the support of Ulster Savings Bank. Go to [volunteer.uwdor.org](http://volunteer.uwdor.org) to sign up or call 845-471-1900 ext 3106.



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On Saturday, June 29th, almost 200 people pitted themselves against a FedEx Boeing 757 in the ultimate tug of war! As Susan Dean from McKesson Metro New York explained: "Pulling a plane is something people think they can't do. It's symbolism for if 'I can tell my mind that I can pull this plane,' what else can I accomplish in life." Jeannie Montano, President & CEO of United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region, exclaimed, "This event that puts the FUN in fundraising!" Teams ranged from companies finding a unique way to encourage teamwork to community and business owners banding together to represent their city. Team POUGHmentum received first place medals for the fastest pull of the 757 twelve feet along the taxi way. Central Hudson's team was the top team fundraiser with their Vice-President, Customer Services and Regulatory Affairs, Anthony Campagiorni, Esq, the top event fundraiser. As Ali Muhammed, one of the members of Team Poughmentum explained, "If we can pull a plane, we can pull our community together!" For more information, videos and photos, go to [www.uwdor.org/ptp](http://www.uwdor.org/ptp).



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## Why I Volunteer by Kevin Cleary

I grew up in Bainbridge New York, a small upstate New York town where dairy farming was the major occupation. Bainbridge did have an Elmer's Glue factory, which employed about 150 people, but farming was the way of life for most residents. I learned at an early age the importance of helping your neighbor in need because you never knew when you'd need help in return. With only 1,500 residents Bainbridge depended on volunteers to staff our Fire Department,

Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Grange, Lions Club, Little League, and many other civic organizations. I was fortunate to grow up in a family who stressed the importance of education, hard work, and being socially responsible to give back to your community by volunteering.

I volunteer at United Way for an opportunity to work alongside the most dedicated, talented, compassionate, hardworking staff who truly "Lives United." United Way provides financial support to more than 45 partner organizations across Dutchess and Orange counties reaching more than 165,000 people in need. United Way has the ability to respond immediately to requests for assistance from individuals or organizations. United Way has a proven track record of helping Dutchess and Orange county residents break the cycle of poverty through their programs targeting financial stability, education, and wellness. Nothing is more rewarding than visiting my neighborhood elementary school seeing the smiling faces of the children knowing the United Way is making sure they have books, school supplies, proper clothing, a safe home, and food to eat.

I encourage you to join me in supporting United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region.

Why I Volunteer is a new feature for our newsletter. In each issue, different board members will share their views of and involvement with United Way.

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You're invited to United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region's annual

# COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

TICKETS \$40

Tuesday, September 24th

7:30am - 9:00am

The Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel



**2019 COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS**  
**Dr. Pamela Edington Dr. Kristine M. Young**

*President*  
Dutchess Community College

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& two Champion Nonprofits: **The Art Effect & Cornerstone Family Healthcare**

Register at **[www.uwdor.org/breakfast2019](http://www.uwdor.org/breakfast2019)**

Questions? Call 845-471-1900 ext 3126 or email [smarchewka@uwdor.org](mailto:smarchewka@uwdor.org)



## A GREAT CELEBRATION

Celebration photos by Nicole Puckette Photography

On Wednesday, May 1st more than 500 people joined United Way at our annual Celebration of Service. This year the event raised more than \$160,000 and honored the 2019 Distinguished Leadership Award Recipient, Maureen Halahan; two nonprofit spotlight award winners, Hudson River Housing and The Newburgh Ministry; as well as top campaigns: IBM Corp, UPS, C&S Wholesale Grocers, RBT CPAs LLP, Hannaford Supermarkets, Orange & Rockland Utilities, Inc, Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union, Adams Fairacre Farms, Orange Bank & Trust Co., Dutchess County Government and top growth awardees: EFCO Products, Inc. & Wappingers Central School District. We'd like to express our thanks to all the event sponsors, including the Platinum Sponsor, Orange & Rockland Utilities, Inc., Gold Media Sponsor, Poughkeepsie Journal/LocalIQ, and Silver Sponsors, RL Baxter Building Corp., Perreca Electric Co., RBT CPAs, LLP, and TD Bank. For more information, photos and video, go to **[www.uwdor.org/celebration2019](http://www.uwdor.org/celebration2019)**.

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# WHY WE GIVE ...

## John's Story

One slip is all it takes. John's been clean and sober for years, but this year was really tough. He lost the place he was living and found himself bunking down with friends on good days – or in shelters on bad ones. He also had to have his leg amputated.

Because he is in recovery, the medications he's prescribed are carefully chosen and nonaddictive. But at one of the places he was staying they were stolen. His insurance refused to pay for replacements and John was close to using again because of the pain. Thanks to United Way's support of Cornerstone Family Healthcare's Healthy Connections, the cost of medications John needed were covered. Now he's found a safe place to live and he's continuing his recovery.



## Manuel's Story

Manuel didn't know where to turn. Winter was coming and his house was falling down. He didn't have heat or electric. Manuel had served his country for years as a Marine, but now found himself unemployed and almost homeless.

A friend told him to call United Way's 2-1-1 helpline. Directed to Hudson River Housing, Manuel not only found an apartment, but also job training and placement especially for veterans that's funded by United Way's MISSION UNITED™. He now loves where he's living and has a great job – thanks to your support of United Way.



To see more reasons why, visit our Success Story page: [www.uwdor.org/success-stories](http://www.uwdor.org/success-stories)

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