

New Officers Elected to United Way of Greater Battle Creek Board

Frank Hardgrove was named the chair of United Way of Greater Battle Creek's Board of Directors. Hardgrove was elected during the organization's annual meeting on March 12, 2009. Hardgrove served as the director of labor relations for Kellogg Company for eighteen years, retiring in 2004.

Hardgrove has been a United Way board member for nearly two decades, serving in six year increments leaving for a year, only when term limited, and then rejoining. During his tenure he has been a member of numerous committees including the finance committee, executive committee and UWGBC – Albion-Homer United Way Task Force, to name a few.

Other officers include: Ed Haring (Kellogg Community College), chairperson elect, Todd Turcotte (Kaiser Aluminum), treasurer, and Linda Miller (EmploymentGroup) secretary. Reba Harrington (HDI Federal Center) and Jim Cochrane (DHS) were appointed co-chairs of the Planning & Investment Committee.

Announcement was also made of the appointment of Michael 'Mac' McCullough (Battle Creek Enquirer) and Todd McDonald (CSM Group) as the 2009 Community Solutions Campaign co-chairs. McCullough and McDonald have both lived in the Battle Creek area for many years and have a true desire to make the community a better place for all.

"I am very excited about the direction of United Way and my new role as board chair," said Frank Hardgrove. "United Way is committed to investing in the building blocks for a good life – a quality education, enough income to support a family and good health while providing access to life's basic needs."

"We are fortunate that Frank, Mac and Todd along with our other board members have generously volunteered their time to lead United Way's tradition of serving the community," said Chris Sargent, United Way of Greater Battle Creek president and chief professional officer. "Thousands are helped each year because of the efforts of the outstanding volunteers who serve in our community. They are truly an example of what it means to LIVE UNITED."

New members to join the United Way of Greater Battle Creek board of directors include: Julie Bosley (Kellogg Company), Tim Kool (Heritage Chevrolet), David Lucas (Vandervoort, Christ & Fisher), John Schwencer (Union Counselors), Doug Stewart (Battle Creek Health System), Kevin Andrews (BCTGM Local 3G/Kellogg Company), and Ed Feld (RWDSU Local 374/Post Foods). Renewing members include: Frank Hardgrove (retired-Kellogg), Linda Miller (EmploymentGroup), and Frank Walker (HDI Federal Center-DES).