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### **UNITED WAY EXECUTIVE STEPS DOWN**

Austin, TX--The United Way Capital Area announced today that President and Chief Professional Officer David Balch has resigned after eight years of service.

Debbie Bresette, current Executive Vice President, has been named as the organization's interim president and CPO.

"Clearly, few people work as hard as David does to help others," said Anne Smalling, chair of the United Way Capital Area board of directors. "David is a dedicated leader who has worked with integrity and a passion for this community. We are indebted to him for his service."

Under Balch's leadership, United Way partners and the people of Central Texas have raised more than \$140 million and donated thousands of volunteer hours to meet critical community needs. Balch is credited with shepherding the organization through a strategic shift in focus that targets United Way's investments of time and talent to create real, long-term positive change in the region.

"David has helped us to build a solid foundation to move forward with our community impact approach," Smalling said. "The work around the focus areas of education, financial stability and health will go forward."

Founding shareholder of Winstead PC and former UWCA board chair Pete Winstead said, "Our community is grateful for David's hard work in guiding United Way Capital Area for the past eight years."

UWCA Community Board member and shareholder of Graves Dougherty Heaton & Moody Clarke Heidrick added, "The leadership David has provided allows UWCA to remain effective in raising resources that will help more Central Texas individuals and families."

Balch's future plans include becoming a partner in Civic Interest, LLC, which is a collaborative of civic-minded leaders working on diverse projects in Austin and Central Texas.

"While change is difficult, it is vital to good organizations," Balch said. "It is a time of change and I am ready for a new challenge to continue the work of addressing the widening disparity gap in our region."

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