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United Way Capital Area Names New Chairman for Board of Directors

Local attorney Kevin W. Cole earns prestigious title

AUSTIN, Texas – Aug. 6, 2010 – The United Way Capital Area (UWCA) has named Austin attorney Kevin W. Cole as its new chairman of the Board of Directors.

The University of Texas alumni has served on the UWCA Board of Directors for more than three years while running his Central Texas-based office, The Cole Law Firm. During his time at UWCA, Cole has been the chair of the Finance Committee where he has helped oversee the proper use of donations made to the organization.



Prior to joining the UWCA, Cole worked as a certified public accountant in his hometown of Houston, Texas. His law career began as a briefing attorney to the Honorable Jack Hightower on the Texas Supreme Court. He initially worked as a litigator for the law firm of Bickerstaff, Heath, Smiley, Pollan, Keever & McDaniel, L.L.P., in Austin and became a partner in 1998. He was the managing shareholder of Wickliff & Hall, P.C.'s Austin office prior to forming his own law firm, Cole & Powell, P.C., in 2002.

“We are pleased that Kevin accepted this new role as chairman of our Board of Directors,” said Debbie Bresette, President of United Way Capital Area. “He brings a wealth of knowledge and we are positive he will continue to help move us forward in our efforts to drive measurable change in the community”

Other members include:

Marie Baker, Director in the Managed Services Sector at CSC; Mike Blue, managing partner of the Austin office of Ernst & Young, L.L.P.; Ray Bonilla, a partner at Ray, Wood & Bonilla; Heather Brunner, Chief Operating Officer at Bazaarvoice; Sam Bryant,

President of Bryant Wealth Investment Group L.L.C.; Juan González,, Vice President of Student Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin; Butch Hayes, Managing Partner at Fulbright & Jaworski, L.L.P.; Bill O'Brien, Consultant and Chief Operating Officer at MagRabbit; Kristy Ozmun, Director of Kristy Ozmun Public Relations; Anne Smalling, President of HM International; Michael Vivio, Publisher of the Austin American-Statesman; and Bill Volk, a partner with Vinson & Elkins, L.L.P.

About United Way Capital Area

United Way Capital Area is working hard to advance the common good by focusing on three key areas: education, financial stability and health – the building blocks for a good life. UWCA works to create measurable change that prevent problems from happening in the first place and that empowers people to improve the quality of life for themselves and others. Our vision for Central Texas is a community where all individuals and families achieve their human potential through education, income and healthy lives. For more information, please visit www.unitedwaycapitalarea.org.

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