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2017 UNITED WAY COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN TOTALS \$48.8 MILLION

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS (December 13, 2017) – United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County announced today that the 2017 United Way Community Campaign raised **\$48,758,000**, exceeding the campaign goal of \$47.5 million by \$1,258,000.

The announcement was made at a community breakfast held at Pearl Stable with approximately 300 people attending to celebrate the gifts that will help San Antonio residents, young and old.

“United Way donations are changing lives,” said Joe Gorder, chairman, president and CEO of Valero Energy Corp. and the 2017 United Way Campaign Chair. “I have seen firsthand how United Way agencies provide assistance, care, and understanding to those in need. They provide hope for those who are at crossroads in their lives,” he said.

The issues facing the community are complex and connected. Hunger, academic failure, a family’s inability to meet basic needs, and struggling neighborhoods are often related. The money raised by the United Way community campaign provides much-needed support for thousands of children, families, and individuals across San Antonio and Bexar County.

“I am so proud of the generosity across our community. Raising \$48.8 million is attributable to the generosity and participation of so many volunteers and contributors,” Gorder said. “It is a challenging time for many, especially for those dependent on the breadth of services provided by United Way agencies and programs.”

United Way agencies provide food, housing, job training, senior services, as well as help with substance abuse, domestic violence, financial literacy, child care, and much more.

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“Because United Way is the heart of the community, we’re able to harness the collective power of personal giving, corporate participation, expertise in human services, the energy of volunteers, and the work of like-minded community partners to serve others,” Gorder said.

United Way is the largest private investor in health and human services programs in San Antonio and Bexar County. United Way brings people together through its partner agency programs, the [2-1-1 Help Line](#), and other community work that focuses on ready children, successful students, strong individuals and families and provides safety net services to those in immediate need of food, clothing, shelter and disaster services.

For information on United Way's 69 partner agencies and 137 programs that save lives, change lives, and improve the community, log onto www.unitedwaysatx.org or call (210) 352-7000.