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United Way of Ventura County hosts 17th annual Spirit Awards Gala
Nonprofit recognizes community champions for their remarkable efforts

Ventura, Calif. (May 6, 2022) — On June 4, 2022, United Way of Ventura County (UWVC) will host its 17th annual Spirit Awards Gala, where it will present awards for volunteerism, community impact and corporate citizenship to local community champions. The event will take place from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Westlake, located at 880 S. Westlake Blvd.

This year, Midge Campbell-Thomas, President, Bank of America Ventura/Santa Barbara, will be recognized with the Milton M. Teague Award for Outstanding Community Volunteerism. She is receiving this award for her efforts as a volunteer leader with numerous nonprofit organizations with a focus on addressing social and economic concerns and building strong communities.

Armand Begian, DDS, will be honored with the Douglas Shively Award for Outstanding Community Impact. He was selected for this award due to his dedicated commitment to supporting thousands of children throughout the county with healthy smiles and dental education.

The Roy Pinkerton Award for Top Corporate Citizenship will go to Procter & Gamble for its sixth time. Last year, Procter & Gamble local employees raised \$147,000 from employee giving in addition to \$22,000 in special events and \$25,000 in corporate giving and sponsorship. In addition to giving, Procter & Gamble employees volunteered their time by packing more than 1,700 Stuff the Bus backpacks and mobilized team members to provide Welcome Home baskets for families recently housed through UWVC's Landlord Engagement Program.

"We are so excited to come together to celebrate these remarkable community champions," said Mitchel Sloan, interim president and CEO of United Way of Ventura County. "Each of our honorees has made a life-changing impact here in Ventura County, and we thank them for their tremendous contributions to this community we are proud to call home."

Tickets for the Gala are now available, and all proceeds from the event will benefit UWVC's Impact programs. Through May 20, UWVC is offering early bird pricing of \$150 per individual ticket or \$1,500 for a table that includes 10 tickets. To purchase tickets, please visit <https://vcunitedway.org/spirit-awards-gala>.

The presenting sponsor of this year's event is Procter & Gamble. More information about sponsorship opportunities can be found at <https://vcunitedway.org/spirit-awards-gala>.

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Since 1945, United Way of Ventura County has advanced the common good by creating opportunities for a better life for all. United Way identifies the root causes of poverty and works strategically to solve them by building alliances across all sectors, funding targeted programs and advocating for change. When we work together in common purpose, we LIVE UNITED. For more information about United Way of Ventura County, visit www.vcunitedway.org.