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United Way Expands Board: Inducts Two Local Members

[TOLEDO, Ohio] - United Way of Greater Toledo (UWGT) is pleased to welcome two new members to its Board of Directors: Robert (Bob) Baxter, senior vice president of Mercy Health & CEO of Mercy Health - Lima & Toledo regions, and Dennis (Denny) Johnson, retired CEO of Brooks Insurance.

"Bob and Denny have been long-standing advocates for positive community change. Their insight and knowledge is invaluable to United Way, and we appreciate their dedication to improving the lives of folks in Lucas, Wood and Ottawa counties," said Tom Waggoner, UWGT board chair.

Mr. Baxter joined Mercy Health in 2010, after obtaining a position at St. Rita's in Lima, OH, where he also served on the United Way of Lima Board, Baxter is a graduate of the University of Iowa, where he received his M.A. and M.B.A. in Hospital and Health Administration.

Mr. Johnson retired in 2016, after a 45-year career with Brooks Insurance. He is an established United Way volunteer, having previously served as Campaign Chair and CEO Search Committee Co-Chair, while also being recognized as a United Way Tocqueville Donor.

"We look forward to the skills Denny and Bob will bring to our Board of Directors." These are two knowledgeable, dynamic and committed individuals, who will be instrumental in our organization's overall success," said Wendy Pestrue, president & CEO of UWGT.

Johnson will be assuming a one-year term as chair of the board, effective June 20, replacing current chair, Tom Waggoner. Baxter was approved for induction on February 21, enacting his three-year term immediately.

Mr. Johnson is a resident of Toledo and Mr. Baxter is in the process of relocating his family from Lima to Toledo.

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