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Change Maker Impact Awards to Celebrate Individuals and Companies Changing the Face of Central Florida

Public Nomination for Unsung Hero Award Now Open; Inaugural Event to be Held Sept. 24

Orlando, FL (June 6, 2018) – Right now there is life-changing work happening throughout the community, and United Way wants to celebrate all the Change Makers who call Central Florida home. Heart of Florida United Way will be hosting the inaugural **Change Maker Impact Awards** to bring together everyone who is looking to get more involved in their community and recognize those who set an example of going above and beyond to improve lives.

The event will be held on Monday, September 24, 2018 at The Ballroom at Church Street. It begins with a Community Connection speed networking reception at 5:30 P.M. to connect individuals looking for meaningful volunteer opportunities with nonprofits in need of skilled volunteerism, board members and committee leaders. The networking reception will be followed by dinner and award show featuring honorees in the categories of:

- **Ground Breaker** which highlights individuals or companies that recently stormed onto the scene bringing significant positive change or growth to the region.
- **Impact Leader** honors a person or company that has made significant contributions over the past year in the areas of philanthropy, advocacy, volunteerism and collaboration.
- **Changemaker of the Year Award** is the highest honor given to a person or company whose impact reverberates from grassroots to corner offices. The winner would demonstrate passion beyond their profession and dedication through giving, advocating, and volunteering to create truly lasting community change.

And finally, one award which will be determined by Central Floridians through public nomination:

- **Unsung Hero** award will lift up a person or organization that is making significant contributions to our community when no one is looking. Be it a 5-year-old or 95-year-old, someone who makes a career of service or someone who volunteers their time, we want to honor those who are making a difference at the grassroots level regardless of getting credit for their work. The winner of this category will receive a \$500 grant to donate to the nonprofit of their choice. **Nominations are open to the public and should be submitted by June 25.** To nominate your Unsung Hero, visit HFUW.org/UnsungHero.

“We feel privileged to present these awards that identify and recognize those who have lent creativity, initiative, and consistent professional leadership on behalf of the people of Central Florida,” said Jeff Hayward, President & CEO of Heart of Florida United Way. “These honorees have demonstrated their capacity to find creative answers to challenges, are led by an extraordinary sense of vision and wisdom and have demonstrated their compassion and love of helping others”.



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