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## United Way to Give \$60k in Special Grants

*“Anniversary Great Grant Giveaway” to take place June 6 - 10*

Abilene, TX – As part of its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, United Way of Abilene will present a Great Grant Giveaway of \$60,000 to Community Partner agencies during the week of **June 6-10, 2016**. Each day United Way of Abilene staff and volunteers will make surprise deliveries to agency personnel receiving funding. Community Partner agencies submitted proposals for the special competitive grants.

Grant awards will be made to 19 Community Partners in numerous areas including program support, technology upgrades, and facility facelifts. Requests were reviewed by a committee of community volunteers and approved by the United Way of Abilene Board of Directors. Anniversary grant disbursements are in addition to the \$1.3 million invested in programs in 2016.

“These supplemental grants will provide necessary upgrades and support to our non-profit partners,” said Cathy Ashby, United Way of Abilene President/CEO. “We are deeply committed to supporting the important work they are doing for children, seniors, and families in our area for years to come.”

United Way of Abilene will officially kick off its anniversary year on **June 13, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.** with a ribbon cutting at its headquarters, 240 Cypress. The anniversary celebration will continue for the rest of the year and will be featured throughout the upcoming annual campaign.

### About United Way of Abilene

United Way of Abilene works to improve lives and empower the community by mobilizing the caring power of the 19 counties of West Central Texas. United Way of Abilene supports the work of 25 non-profit Community Partners in the areas of Education, Income, and Health.