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Summit County Receives United Way’s Visionary Award

The County of Summit received the United Way’s 2018 Visionary Award. The award recognizes organizations and businesses that create positive change within the community, impacted the community through innovative strategies, as well as partnering with the United Way to achieve its Bold Goals by 2025.

“Summit County’s collaborative partnership with the United Way of Summit County has significantly impacted the community in areas of education, financial empowerment, and public health,” said County Executive Shapiro. “On behalf of Summit County, I want to thank the United Way for their dedication to this community through the Bold Goals initiative, and we are very proud to have been chosen as the recipient for this year’s Visionary Award.”

Last year, Summit County employees raised a total of \$71,000 for local children and families through its United Way annual campaign. The County worked to promote the United Way’s Imagination Library, which now provides free books to more than 13,000 local preschoolers. In 2018, Summit County partnered with the United Way’s new Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, which offers free tax preparation services to employees. The County is also a key partner in the United Way’s Bold Goal 4, which works to dramatically reduce emergency room visits due to drug overdoses.

“The County of Summit’s work touches everyone in our community, which makes it a vital partner to United Way,” said Jim Mullen, president and CEO of United Way of Summit County. “At every level – from its leadership to its individual employees – the County has worked with United Way to better the lives of its residents. We are proud to recognize them with our Visionary Award.”

For more information on the United Way of Summit County please visit:

<http://www.uwsummit.org/>

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