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## **United Way board elects officers, six directors to new terms**

**Anchorage AK** – Natasha Pope, vice president and community relations manager at First National Bank Alaska, was elected chair, and Alex McKay, vice president of programs at the Rasmuson Foundation, was elected vice chair of the United Way of Anchorage board of directors.

Pope and McKay were elected at the board's January 20 meeting. The directors also elected Laurie Butcher, senior vice president finance at Alaska Communications as treasurer, and Beth Stuart, office managing partner at KPMG, as secretary.

In addition to the officers, five directors were elected to second three-year terms – Greg Deal, regional president of Wells Fargo; Bill Falsey, former Anchorage municipal manager; Darlene Gates, CEO of ExxonMobil Alaska; Mike Huston, executive vice president at Northrim Bank; and Ed Ulman, CEO of Alaska Public Media.

Former chair and longtime board member Belinda Breaux recently retired from Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. was elected to a third three-year term. Board terms run through December 2023. Board officers serve one-year terms.

"Right now, we are facing challenges that are unprecedented," said Clark Halvorson, president of United Way. "We are grateful to community leaders who step up to provide leadership and vision for the United Way of Anchorage. The strength of our board ensures that we can most effectively address our community's pressing issues in education, health and financial stability."

Pope recognized her fellow board members for renewing "their commitment to our work and the community."

"Many have made great contributions to United Way," she said. "We are excited to have their expertise as we work to help return Anchorage to a thriving community after the past year's challenging economic times."

### **About United Way of Anchorage**

United Way of Anchorage is a community of donors, advocates, volunteers, and partners working together to improve the health, education, and financial stability of every person in our community. LIVE UNITED.

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