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NEW MEMBER JOINS UNITED WAY OF WHATCOM COUNTY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bellingham, WA- At United Way of Whatcom County's Annual Meeting Stacey McDaniel, Refinery Manager of the BP Cherry Point Refinery in Blaine, was welcomed as a new member of the organization's Board of Directors. McDaniel is accountable for the operation of a 235,000 barrel/day refinery, the largest in Washington State. She leads a permanent staff of 800 BP employees and between 600-3,500 contractors at any given time. Prior to her current role, McDaniel was the Head of Technology Development for BP's Global Refining business, having accountability for the development and deployment of innovative refining solutions, ranging from improved process technologies to real-time monitoring devices and predictive models.

Stacey has 20 years of industry experience, and has held leadership roles in operations, supply and technology. She spent time in London at BP's corporate headquarters developing technology strategy for the BP Group and business plans and strategy for the global refining business. She holds a Bachelors degree in Chemical Engineering from North Carolina State University and attended the University of Chicago for MBA coursework.

Also at the Annual Meeting retiring board members were honored for their dedication and years of support: Sandi Howard from Sargento's, Mary Humphries from ForestEthics, and Jeff Pitzer from BP Cherry Point.

United Way of Whatcom County has worked for over 50 years to improve lives by mobilizing individuals and organizations to create long-term change in Education, Income and Health for all Whatcom County residents. To learn more about United Way of Whatcom County visit www.unitedwaywhatcom.org or check out their Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/UnitedWayWhatcom>

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