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UNITED WAY OF WHATCOM COUNTY WELCOMES TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Bellingham, WA- In a unanimous vote from the United Way of Whatcom County Board of Directors, Geoff Beaumont and Brandon Hahnel will be the newest members joining the Board.

Geoff Beaumont is the operations Supervisor at WTA and has served on United Way of Whatcom County's Fund Distribution Committee for more than seven years, currently the Chair of the Education Panel. He grew up in Vancouver, BC, and was educated at Killarney High School and Capilano College. Beaumont worked at BC Ferries from 1992 to 2006 and at WTA from 2007 to present.

Brandon Hahnel is the VP/Finance at WECU where he specializes in financial management, financial reporting, asset/liability management, and credit risk management. He is a graduate of WWU, and an active supporter of United Way of Whatcom County.

"It is a privilege to add such knowledgeable and dedicated individuals to our already topnotch Board of Directors. We are looking forward to working with them as we support community-wide solutions to advance Education, Income, and Health for all," said Peter Theisen, President/CEO of United Way of Whatcom County.

About United Way of Whatcom County

United Way of Whatcom County's mission is to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of our communities to advance the common good through Education, Income, and Health. They provide leadership that galvanizes and connects a diverse set of individuals and institutions, and mobilize human and financial resources, to create long-term social change by advancing Education, Income, and Health for all. United Way of Whatcom County's goals for the community involve: helping children/youth achieve their potential through academic success, ensuring individuals/families achieve financial stability and economic independence, and building individuals who are healthy and avoid risky behaviors. 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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