



Metro United Way

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Metro United Way Recognized Nationally for Promoting Social Change in Black Communities

Organization awarded ABFE's "Institutional Award for Philanthropic Leadership Award"

Louisville, KY (April 17, 2018) – Metro United Way was nationally recognized in a ceremony last week in Memphis, Tenn., by the Association of Black Foundation Executives (ABFE). The ABFE recognizes leadership in the philanthropy field each year and awarded Metro United Way its *Institutional Award for Philanthropic Leadership Award*.

"This is in deep recognition of the work that Metro United Way is doing to improve outcomes for black men and boys," said Susan Taylor Batten, CEO and President of the ABFE. "While there is so much more work to do, the organization's efforts stand out and are worthy of recognition."

The award, established in 2002, recognizes significant efforts and contributions by grant making organizations to promote philanthropy as a means for social change in black communities. The award recognizes an exemplary organization that models effective and responsive grant making practices.

The ABFE specifically noted Metro United Way's progress toward supporting investments in local Black Male Achievement initiatives, including collaborating with national resources to leverage greater impact in the community. Metro United Way is also the only United Way office in the world with a Chief Equity Officer, a senior level position dedicated to driving equity across all racial and demographic profiles.

"This award really recognizes a lot of hard work that Metro United Way has undertaken to address the opportunities available for black men and boys in our community," said Theresa Reno-Weber, President and CEO of Metro United Way. "Our efforts focus on ensuring a healthy, financially stable and well-educated community regardless of someone's background or obstacles they may face. We've taken a national leadership role in our Black Male Achievement efforts here in this community, and this award goes a long way toward validating that those efforts are paying off."

About Metro United Way

For more than a century, Metro United Way has been uniting people and resources to solve our community's challenges. With the understanding that no one organization can remove the barriers holding individuals and families back, Metro United Way is on the ground working with nonprofits, businesses, philanthropy, and government to lead collective action that drives results at scale. Together, we fight for the education, financial independence and health of every person in the counties we serve - Bullitt, Jefferson, Oldham and Shelby in Kentucky and Clark, Floyd and Harrison in Indiana - so that every child, individual, and family can thrive.

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