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United Way of Hastings Partners With United Heroes League and United Parcel Service Ice Fishing Tournament to Benefit Military Families

(Hastings, MN) – The United Way of Hastings (UWH) has partnered with a local nonprofit, United Heroes League (UHL), and United Parcel Service (UPS) to offer an ice fishing tournament in February with proceeds benefitting military families and kids.

"It is with great enthusiasm that UWH is partnering with the UHL and UPS to benefit local military families," said Mari E. Mellick, CAE, UWH Executive Director. "The UWH has supported our military for years through military groups such as the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Hastings chapter, and now can expand that military support in partnership with the UHL."

The UPS also plays a significant role in supporting military families and will again hold an ice fishing tourney in February. The UPS 4th Annual Ice Fishing Tournament will be held at Nitti's Hunters Point Resort, located at Mille Lacs Lake in Isle, Minnesota, on Saturday, February 10, 2018. Proceeds from the event will benefit military families through UHL programs.

"We are so honored to partner with UPS and UWH on this amazing event. The funds raised will help advance our mission in many ways and bring joy to many military families," said Shane Hudella, President and Founder of UHL.

Sponsors for the event are UPS, Polaris, Cabela's, Nitti's Hunters Point Resort, Clam, and AMP. Over \$40,000 in prizes will be given away including a custom Minnesota Gopher fishing boat. Other prizes are Clam fish houses, Marcum fish locators, Polaris generators and coolers, StrikeMaster ice augers, electronics, fishing poles, gift cards and more. Tickets are \$20 which includes the fishing tournament entry and a chance at over 100 door prizes. Ticket holders do not need to be present to win door prizes. Event details and tickets can be found at www.unitedheroesleague.org.

The UHL empowers military families to stay healthy and active by battling the financial burden associated with sports. Sports equipment for kids is shipped for free to all 50 states and deployed service members abroad. UHL also offers free camps, financial grants, and free tickets to professional events.

The UWH is an independent United Way that has worked for over 50 years serving Hastings and the surrounding rural communities within Independent School District #200. Its mission is to build partnerships to improve the lives of people in our community. Donations are accepted year-round. For more information about the UWH and the agencies it funds, visit www.unitedwayofhastings.org.