

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 8, 2018
Contact: Mari E. Mellick, CAE, Executive Director
Phone: 651-438-3337
Email: mari@unitedwayofhastings.org



United Way of Hastings to Move Office to the Heart of Hastings

(Hastings, MN) – The United Way of Hastings (UWH) will move its office to a new location in Hastings during the week of January 22.

UWH has been in the former First National Bank building on 2nd Street West in Hastings for over 10 years. The existing building changed ownership in 2014. With the expected usage of the building location, to complement the redevelopment of the Hudson Sprayers building across the street, UWH leadership knew that an office move would be forthcoming.

“As we began discussing the needs of a new office space, leadership considered several options such as purchasing an existing building, constructing a new building that would allow for meeting space and rentals by other groups, continuing to lease office space, and sharing space with other nonprofits,” said Mari E. Mellick, CAE, UWH Executive Director. “We wanted to ensure that decisions were based on what will work best for the UWH’s delivery of services and impact on the community, what makes sense for UWH’s growth and evolution, and how to achieve the necessities in a space while keeping leasing costs at a minimum.”

UWH had been looking at office space in the downtown area and learned that the Meyer Co building was being renovated. As UWH discussed the space with the building’s new owner, it became clear that the space would be an excellent location for UWH. According to Mellick, the location and newly renovated space will allow UWH to better serve the community by improving its efficiencies along with raising the awareness of the work that UWH does, and the impact UWH has, in the Hastings area.

“UWH has impacted the Hastings area community members for over 50 years by funding local nonprofits that provide direct services as well as funding internal UWH services,” said Mellick. “UWH has been behind the scenes funding area nonprofits since the organization was established in 1964.”

Nonprofits such as Hastings Family Service, received its first grant from UWH to open its doors and the Hastings YMCA received funding from UWH to become established in Hastings. Many other nonprofits have benefited from funding by the UWH which ultimately has improved people’s lives. “When you receive services from area nonprofits, there’s a good chance that UWH has played a role in its operations and funding. UWH has been positioning itself to increase the awareness in the community of the work that is done, the groups that are funded, and the people that are impacted. Having been the heart of the community for over 50 years, UWH will now be located in the heart of the community,” said Mellick.

The UWH office will be closed the week of January 22 for its office move. Beginning January 29, the UWH will be located at the Meyer Co building in downtown Hastings, at 113 2nd Street East, Suite 102. UWH’s telephone number will remain the same, 651-438-3337.

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.

###

119 2nd St W, PO Box 353, Hastings, MN 55033
(651) 438-3337
www.unitedwayofhastings.org