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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### ***United Way of North Central Florida Announces Interim President and CEO Along with Director for the Continuum of Care***

**GAINESVILLE, FL (August 18, 2020)** – United Way of North Central Florida’s (UWNCFL) Board of Directors has appointed Amber Miller, Senior Director of Business & Community Partnerships, to serve as the organization’s interim President & CEO. She succeeds Dr. Mona Gil de Gibaja who resigned on July 24. The organization also welcomes Patrick Dodds as the new Director for the Continuum of Care (CoC).

“We have great confidence in Amber’s leadership and are thrilled to have her serving in this role,” said Monica Perez-McMillen, UWNCFL Board Chair.

“Her experience with United Way has made this transition smooth with no disruption to services. We are equally excited to have Patrick Dodds serving as the new Director for the Continuum of Care as we remain lead agency for the North Central Florida Alliance for the Homeless and Hungry,” Perez-McMillen added.

Miller has been working for UWNCFL since 2018 most recently serving as the Senior Director of Business & Community Partnerships overseeing the organization’s community impact process and Small Business Partner program.

“I am deeply honored to be serving in this interim role and am excited for the direction our United Way is headed,” said Miller.

“We know we’re leading through a global pandemic, economic instability, social injustice, and an election year,” said Miller. “These are trying times for our country and community. We can’t stop because our community depends on us.”

UWNCFL is continuing to fundraise for the community with several workplace campaigns set to kick off in September, Miller said. Funds raised help to support United Way’s Community Investment Fund which grants money to local nonprofit programs serving in areas of health, education, financial stability and immediate needs.

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Newly appointed CoC Director Dodds is a former attorney, and has previous experience working with the North Central Florida Alliance for the Homeless and Hungry having served as secretary for the board during the establishment and opening of Grace Marketplace in 2013.

Both Dodd's and Miller's appointments are immediate.

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***United Way of North Central Florida*** fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person in our community and has been a staple in North Central Florida since 1957. We serve a six-county area that includes Alachua, Bradford, Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy and Union counties. Since our inception, we have raised nearly \$100 million for the region. Our top priority is to create real social change that leads to better lives and healthier communities for North Central Florida.

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