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Pictured are the 2016 United Way Campaign Cabinet members and United Way employees: Tim Ausmus, Norma Barragan, Bill Brueckner, Tom Bundros, Amanda Burt, Scot Davis, Vance Embry, Tanessa Foster, Landon Hair, Bob Hardaway, Jim Hawkins, Matthew Moore, Amy Ross, Jill Schubert, Pete Sigmon, Reese Thomas, Karen Townsend, Jessica Trivino, Denise Wood and Joe Young

United Way raises \$3.8 million

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Tom Bundros took on the challenge in 2016 to be the United Way of Northwest Georgia campaign chair. Although it's no easy task, Bundros believes strongly in the value of United Way uniting people and resources to create lasting change in our community. Witnessing firsthand the impact of United Way, Bundros led the charge to fight for the education, basic needs and health of every person in our community.

"I am grateful that United Way addresses such a broad spectrum of needs. No other organization can make such a large impact in so many areas as effectively as United Way," Bundros said.

Bundros recently gathered the United Way Campaign cabinet and board members to celebrate and announce that the 2016 campaign goal of \$3.8 million has been achieved. Bundros thanked the cabinet and the board for a successful year.

"The success of this campaign was achieved through the hard work and collaboration of our campaign cabinet and board members," Bundros said.

From corporate partners, philanthropists investing \$10,000 in the Alexis de Tocqueville Society, Women's Leadership Council members giving \$1,000 each, Young Leaders Society members pledging \$365, and individuals giving dollars weekly through payroll deduction, more than 11,000 local United Way donors contributed to the 2016 campaign.

The 2016 United Way Campaign Cabinet members were Tom Bundros Campaign Chair, Dalton Utilities; Bob Caperton, Barrett Properties; Bill Davies, BB&T; Scot Davis, Shaw Industries; James Dixon, Shaw Industries; Vance Embry, Shaw Industries; J.T. Finley, Maryville Jewelers; Jim Gordon, community volunteer; Bryan Griffin, Georgia Power Co.; Landon Hair, Marketing Alliance; Bob Hardaway, Shaw Industries; Chip Howalt, Textile Rubber & Chemical Co.; Emily Finkell, Finkell Morrow Designs; Mike Sanderson, Engineered Floors; Jill Schubert, IVC US; Pete Sigmon, Shaw Industries; Reese Thomas, Mohawk Industries; Karen Townsend, community volunteer; Joe Young,

Engineered Floors.

The public is invited to join Karen Townsend, 2016 board chair, and Matthew Moore, 2017 board chair, for United Way's Annual Meeting and Volunteer Banquet "Great Things Happened: A Year in Review" on March 7 at 3:30 p.m. at Stage 123 in downtown Dalton.

Campaign awards for top performers will be given out, as well as the Elaine Butler Award for volunteerism in Murray County, the Connie Woodward Award for volunteerism in Whitfield County and the Elbert Shaw Memorial Scholarship.

