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Wells Fargo recently invested \$4,000 in the United Way of Northwest Georgia's Safe Homes Initiative. From left are Amanda Burt, United Way of Northwest Georgia president; Dale Cruse, Wells Fargo market president; and Nancy Green and Rebecca Cox of Wells Fargo.

Wells Fargo donates to United Way program

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When hungry, homeless or in crisis, it is impossible to succeed. That is why Wells Fargo bank has invested \$4,000 in the United Way of Northwest Georgia's Safe Homes Initiative.

"Wells Fargo is an important partner of our work in building stronger communities and helping individuals and families become more financially stable," said Amanda Burt, United Way of Northwest Georgia president. "United Way Worldwide recognized Wells Fargo for leading the largest workplace campaign in the United States in 2014, making this the sixth consecutive year they have earned this top honor. Dale Cruse and the local Wells Fargo team have been a strategic partner of ours for many years."

Reaffirming this honor,

Cruse, market president at Wells Fargo in Dalton, said, "We are proud of what United Way does in our community. We have been a long-time partner and we will continue to be."

The United Way network provides four types of residential shelter in our community: drug and alcohol residential recovery, transitional housing for families, shelter for domestic violence survivors and second chance housing and guidance for teen mothers and their babies.

United Way also provides grants and volunteer mobilization to help with home repairs, accessibility for those with disability, and weatherization for the elderly, low income and disabled, as well as assistance with housing costs and utility assistance.

United Way's Safe Homes impact in 2014:

■ 572 people received 22,057 bed nights of shelter (5,788 were for domestic

violence).

■ 17 projects took place benefiting 310 people with house repairs of roofs, walls, water heaters and floors.

■ 7,543 individuals received assistance to reduce their long-term need for food, housing or utility assistance through counseling, life skills or financial counseling.

■ 20,633 individuals' short-term needs were met because they received food, clothing, furniture, prescription medication and/or housing or utility assistance.

■ 195 people received assistance after being involved in single-family home fires, natural disasters, multifamily home fires or flooding incidents.

■ 10 individuals received job training or education designed to move them from low-wage jobs to higher-income jobs.

■ 957 domestic violence calls were answered.