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United Way of Delaware Launches
“Women in Action” Mentoring Program
Program Honors Legacy of Muriel E. Gilman,
Delaware Community Advocate

(January 26, 2012) – In recognition of National Mentoring Day, United Way of Delaware (UWD) announces the creation of “Women in Action” — a unique mentoring program in Delaware to enable aspiring women leaders to take action to make a difference in their communities. The program was inspired by Muriel E. Gilman, UWD’s first female executive. The Women in Action program was recommended by a blue ribbon committee, chaired by Delaware First Lady, Carla Markell, that included 16 Delaware women leaders who worked with Muriel E Gilman during her long career of community service in Delaware.

“We hope to continue Muriel Gilman’s legacy of empowering women through this mentoring program. We have consistently asked ourselves the question, ‘What would Muriel want’ this program to achieve, said Carla Markell.

Muriel Gilman had a remarkable career at UWD and a long-time volunteer and community advocate in Delaware. “She was an extraordinary mentor, and many of us benefitted from her advice and encouragement,” said Michelle A. Taylor, President and Chief Executive Officer of UWD.

The Women in Action mentoring program will focus on preparing women for leadership roles in community service, advocacy and volunteerism, whether they are from the public, private or nonprofit sectors. The program is by application and is open to any woman in Delaware who wants to create an impact in her community. Information about the application process will soon be available on UWD’s website at www.uwde.org.

About United Way of Delaware

United Way of Delaware’s mission is to maximize the community’s resources to improve the quality of life for all Delawareans. UWD is implementing Live United 2015, a five-year strategy to achieve long-lasting, measurable improvements throughout the state in the areas of Education, Income and Health. UWD works collaboratively with business, labor, government, nonprofit organizations, academic groups, faith groups, community organizations, concerned citizens and others to effect positive, long-lasting solutions. For more information, to make a contribution or to volunteer, please visit www.uwde.org or call (302) 573-3700.