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## **UNITED WAY ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

**March 12, 2007 - Mocksville - Davie County.** The Davie County United Way (DCUW) has elected new members to the Board of Directors. “United Way has come a long way from where it was when I first joined the board,” stated Board President, Steve Tuch. “We have a very bright future with even more events and impact work ahead. We have been fortunate to recruit people with the right talents to get the job done!”

New members to the Davie County United Way Board of Directors include:

**Karen Guiton** is a Licensed Banker/Financial Representative at SunTrust Bank. Her career has always been in a financial and insurance background. She has been with SunTrust, at the Mocksville Water Street office, for a little over a year. Prior to employment with SunTrust, she worked at Wendover Financial in Greensboro as the Escrow Manager. She specializes in mortgages and consumer lending and all facets of customer service.

Married for 18 years to Carl Guiton, Karen has two children, Caleb and Megan, who attend North Davie Middle and Shady Grove respectively. Her family is active members of Freedom Baptist Church in Mocksville.

Guiton was born here and has always lived in Davie County. She can trace her family back for at least 4 generations living in Davie County. Of her upcoming work on the Board of Directors, Guiton says, “I realize the value of the agencies that United Way sponsors, as it has helped my God-son. He was born prematurely and was diagnosed with cerebral palsy at age 1. He then started at the Childrens Center in Winston Salem. They have worked really hard with him and helped him achieve a great deal. So by way of Nathan I am able to see first hand how much of a difference this has made in his life of someone I love.

There has also been an opportunities for me to be able to help clients of the bank when they are in difficult situations. I have referred one lady who needed assistance with a large power bill to 211. She came in a week later and was thrilled that she was able to get help. My client was elderly and did not realize that there were even services such as this available. It is a great feeling to be able to assist people who are in a desperate time to overcome it. “

**Jim Gildein** is an insurance agent with Nationwide Insurance. Originally from Chicago, Gildein has now lived in Davie County 20+ years. He is married to Maureen Gildein, who is the principal of Cornatzer Elementary School in Davie County, and has 4 children ages 26, 18, 17, 14.

Gildein graduated with a graphics degree from Thorton College and spent 10 years as photographer and slide animator for various companies before he switched careers. Gildein began working in the insurance field 20 years ago with Prudential Life Insurance Company before joining Nationwide and the Keith Hiller

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Agency. He is presently located in the Kinderton Place Shopping Center selling auto, home, commercial and life insurance.

Gildein is an active volunteer and has been the Grand Knight of the Clemmons Knights of Columbus Council and twice the Grand Knight of the Mocksville Knights of Columbus Council. He has worked on various fundraisers through the Knights of Columbus over the last 20 years. Through the Clemmons Council, he was instrumental in bringing the first Operation Lamb (where the Knights pass out tootsie rolls for a donation to benefit the mentally handicapped) to Davie County. Through his church, St. Francis of Assisi, he acted as chairman of the Shamrock Run for 3 years, showing increased runner participation and steadily raising proceeds throughout those 3 years, and finance chairperson of the capital campaign to build a new church. He joins the United Way board as Chairman of its newest event, the Historic Mocksville Criterium, a bike race that is part of the internationally known Crossroads Classic.

**Vincent Mannino** is a retired instructor and supervisor from the N.C. Department of Corrections and former restaurateur in our community. Mannino currently lives in Advance, NC and was instrumental in the start and success of the Shamrock Run held annually by St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. A long time member of the Knights of Columbus, Mannino has participated in the Councils of Holy Family Catholic Church in Clemmons and as Grand Knight of the Council at St. Francis of Assisi. Mannino's volunteer contribution has also included service on the Board of Directors for CareNet of Davie County and earned him a Volunteer Certificate of Appreciation awarded by Gov. Mike Easley. Maninno's ties and contacts in our community will ensure the success the Historic Mocksville Criterium.

**Jim McKnight** is plant manager of the Hanesbrands, Inc. plants in Advance and Asheboro. McKnight was born and raised in Forsyth County. He left the area and lived in Knoxville, Tennessee for 9 years before moving back to North Carolina in 2000. McKnight graduated from NC State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Textile Technology and has spent the last 38 years in the Textile Industry. He currently lives in Davidson County with his wife, Barbara. He has two children and three grandchildren. McKnight has been an incremental part of the local Hanesbrands, Inc. campaign for many years. Hanesbrands, Inc., formerly Sara Lee, has raised nearly \$54,000 since 2001.

**Greta Nixon** is an Assistant Vice President for Bank of the Carolinas. She lives in Davie County with her two year old son, Alexander. She graduated with Honors from Gardner Webb University in Boiling Springs, NC, with a BS Business Administration and has worked in banking for 8 years. She joined Bank of the Carolinas three years ago. Her current position is a business banker (commercial account officer) and she is currently located in their newest branch on Silas Creek Parkway in Winston-Salem. She also teaches part time at Davidson Community College. Throughout her career, she has been involved in the community to include serving on the Allocation Committee of the Yadkin County United Fund.

**Karen Smith** is the recently retired Director of the Department of Social Services. She has a BA Degree from North Carolina State University and an MSW from UNC-Chapel Hill. A native of Davie County, Karen has worked at the Davie County Department of Social Services for 38 years in various capacities – Social Worker, Social Work Supervisor, and as the Director for 13 years. She is a member of Rock Spring Baptist Church, and has served on numerous boards and committees over the years including: the Mocksville Civitan Club for 25 years, the Davie County Human Services Council, Davie Domestic Violence

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and Rape Crisis Center Board, the Surry County Housing Consortium, CareNet Board, and Healthy Carolinians. She is also a member of the North Carolina Association of County Social Services Directors.

These members join an already dedicated core group of volunteers: Steve Tuch, owner of Signs Now; Don Bowles, CPA; Dr. Todd Corvin, Chiropractor; Robby Dilmore, owner of Westside Chrysler Dodge Jeep; Lynne Doss, Davie County Hospital Administrator; Kim Harris, Davie County Grants Administrator; Harry Hill, V.P. of Bank of the Carolinas; Alan Hyland and Dr. Steve Lane with the Davie County Public School System; Robert Price, Attorney for the County of Davie; Kevin Robertson with Bank of the Carolinas; Rev. David Smith, Pastor of Dulin United Methodist Church; Neal Smith, Davie County Information Technology Director, Haley Warren, Wal-Mart SuperCenter Grocery Manager, and Brian Williams, Attorney with Martin Van Hoy, LLP.

The mission of the Davie County United Way is to unite the voluntary strength of our community to care for one another. This is achieved through direct programs facilitated by DCUW and the funding of additional programs facilitated by other nonprofit agencies in Davie County. DCUW provides grants for programs that focus on one or more of three impact areas: Children and Youth, Health and Wellness and Crisis Intervention. For more information contact the DCUW office at 751-0313 or visit [www.davieunitedway.org](http://www.davieunitedway.org).

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