

UNITED WAY SERVING HOWARD AND TIPTON COUNTIES

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United Way Statement on Abbie Smith, Mayoral Candidate

On behalf of United Way serving Howard and Tipton Counties' Board of Directors, we would like to acknowledge that Abbie Smith, United Way's President and CEO, has announced her candidacy for Mayor of the City of Kokomo.

"We are thankful for the last six years that Abbie has given to United Way and our community," said Jeff Young, United Way serving Howard and Tipton Counties Board Chairman. "We look forward to the future of our organization's vision. We are confident in our mission to serve our community members as we move forward into 2019."

"We appreciate Abbie's leadership and know that our organization will remain strong as it has for the last 90 years," said Staci Lowery, United Way serving Howard and Tipton Counties Director of Operations.

United Way will remain neutral throughout Smith's candidacy. Staff and board members will continue to work hard as we fulfill the mission of our organization in fighting for the health, education and financial stability of every person in our communities.

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The board of directors has accepted Abbie Smith's request for leave of absence from her position as President and CEO of United Way serving Howard and Tipton Counties. Jeff Young, United Way's Board Chairman, will serve as United Way's Interim President and CEO. The board will contract Abbie as a consultant to run United Way operations to keep key initiatives moving forward. The Executive Committee will reevaluate this agreement on a monthly basis.

Questions may be directed towards Jeff Young at 765-457-4357 ext. 313 or at jyoung@unitedwayhoco.org.