

UNITED WAY  
WOMEN UNITED®

Brunch

VIRTUAL EVENT  
TUESDAY, OCT 6  
10:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

## AGENDA

### Welcome

**Denise Thomas**

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### Speakers

**Suzanne McCormick**

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### Linda T. Mellowes

#### Woman Leader of the Year Award

**Gail Leone**

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Georgetown University Law Center

**Thelma A. Sias**

Retired, We Energies

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**Live Q&A with Suzanne McCormick**

**& Amy Lindner immediately following the program.**



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& Waukesha County

## GUEST SPEAKER:

# Suzanne McCormick

U.S. President, United Way Worldwide

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**Suzanne McCormick** is the U.S. president of United Way Worldwide. She is responsible for helping the 1,100 United Ways across the U.S. trailblaze in the philanthropic space to build more resilient, inclusive and sustainable communities.

Suzanne came to UWW from Tampa, Florida, where she spent five years as president and chief executive officer for United Way Suncoast. Having previously served as chair of the United Way Network

Partnership Group and National Professional Council, she continues to enable the teams to develop and leverage powerful philanthropy initiatives like Salesforce Philanthropy Cloud.

Suzanne began her nonprofit leadership career at the International Center of New York and then as CEO for both the American Red Cross of Southern Maine and People's Regional Opportunity.

Suzanne holds a B.A. in Political Science from Duke University and is an alumna of the Peace Corps, where she taught English in Thailand. She enjoys running, being a "soccer mom" and spending time with her family and two Boston terriers, Finnegan and Olive.

## 2020 LINDA T. MELLOWES WOMAN LEADER OF THE YEAR Thelma A. Sias

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**Thelma A. Sias** is one of Milwaukee's most powerful women because of her leadership and commitment to serving her community. She is proud to be the fifth of eleven children of the late Roosevelt and Pauline Sias, raised on the family farm in Mayersville, Mississippi. Thelma joined Wisconsin Gas (now We Energies) in 1986. In 2003, she was appointed vice president. Now retired from We Energies, Thelma is founder and CEO of The Sias Group LLC.

Thelma has been widely recognized for her leadership, having been named to the Milwaukee Business Journal's 40 Under 40 Hall of Fame, Savoy Magazine's list of Top Influential Women in Corporate America, and to The History Makers' Collection at the Library of Congress. She has also been honored by the Greater Milwaukee Foundation with the Doug Jansson Leadership Award. In 2018, she received the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Milwaukee Business Journal.

Sias is a board member of the United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Milwaukee, Sojourner, and Cardinal Stritch University.

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Purchase an Eviction Prevention Kit to help women and their families in our community. For **\$50**, the kit will include:

- Legal advice for clients facing eviction
- Settlement assistance
- Document drafting
- Limited scope in-court representation

**Purchase a kit by clicking the donate button while watching the event virtually or go to [UnitedWayGMWC.org/Eviction-Kit](https://UnitedWayGMWC.org/Eviction-Kit).**

Questions? Contact Mimi Laflin: 414.263.8136 or [mflaflin@unitedwaygmwc.org](mailto:mflaflin@unitedwaygmwc.org)

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ENDOWMENT FUND

To become a founding member contact:  
Jeriah Ebling, 414-263-8156,  
[jebling@unitedwaygmwc.org](mailto:jebling@unitedwaygmwc.org)

The **Women United Endowment Fund** will be used to support evidence-based strategies that align with United Way's Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative in perpetuity. This fund recognizes the outstanding efforts of Elizabeth Brenner and the women and men who have made significant investments of time, talent, and treasure in this important initiative since its inception.

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