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United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County’s
Women United Announces Endowment Fund
for Teen Pregnancy Prevention.

Women United will present the Linda T. Mellowes “Woman Leader of the Year”
award to Gail Lione during their annual bruncheon.

[05/16/19] – MILWAUKEE On Thursday, May 16, 2019, United Way of Greater Milwaukee &
Waukesha County’s Women United will announce the launch of the Endowment Fund for
Teen Pregnancy Prevention at its annual Women United Bruncheon at the Pfister Hotel.

The annual Women United Bruncheon will highlight Women United’s work within United
Way’s three pillars of Community Impact: Health, Education, and Financial Stability. This
year, Women United welcomes keynote speaker Dr. Jeanette Kowalik, commissioner of
health, City of Milwaukee Health Department. Dr. Kowalik will give an update on how her
department is prioritizing maternal and child wellbeing.

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, Teen Pregnancy Prevention
Oversight Committee Co-Chair, and the women and men who have made significant
investments of time, talent, and treasure in this important initiative since its inception.
Aurora Health Care along with generous individuals have already become founding
members of this fund. Contributions to this fund are above and beyond annual donations
made to United Way’s Community Campaign. These investments will ensure United Way is
able to continue the legacy of supporting programs that positively impact women and girls
in our community.

Before the conclusion of the bruncheon, the Linda T. Mellowes “Woman Leader of the Year”
award will be presented. The award, named after Linda T. Mellowes – former United Way
board chair and founding member of the Women’s Leadership group in 2002 – is awarded
to a woman who exhibits leadership, is a role model, and gives back to our community. This
year’s recipient will be Gail Lione, senior counsel at Dentons and Chair of the Women
United Global Leadership Council of United Way Worldwide. Lione has played an integral
role in elevating the message and strategy of the critical work of Women United to
networks across the world. She has used a collaborative approach to preventing teen
pregnancy as a model of success when talking to women-leaders across the globe.
Media is welcome to attend. Details below.

**INTERVIEW AVAILABILITY:**
- Dr. Jeanette Kowalik, Commissioner of Health, Milwaukee Health Department
- Gail Lione, Senior Counsel, Dentons
- Nicole Angresano, VP of Community Impact for United Way

**WHEN:**
- Thursday, May 16, 2019
- 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**WHERE:**
- The Pfister Hotel
- 424 E Wisconsin Avenue
- Milwaukee, WI 53202

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