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Milwaukee Teen Birthrate Lower than National Average

Community celebrates 10 years of success for teen pregnancy prevention at United Way's Annual Women's Leadership Brunch

[05/17/16] – MILWAUKEE, Milwaukee teen birth rates beat the national average. A [report from the CDC](#) shows that births to all American teenagers have dropped more than 40 percent within the past decade, compared to 54.4 percent in Milwaukee, with birth rates among Hispanic and black teens dropping by almost half since 2006.

Milwaukee has seen a 54.4 percent drop overall in the teen birthrate since 2006. The [most recent data \(2014\)](#) from Milwaukee shows the total number of births to teens aged 17 and under dropped below 300 for the first time in history. However, because there are fewer teens overall, the overall teen birth rate ticked upward slightly from 22.9 births per 1,000 females ages 15 to 17 to 23.7 births per 1,000 females ages 15 to 17.

Since 2006, the effort to reduce teen pregnancy has been led by United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County, which has brought together a diverse collaborative of community stakeholders that included local businesses, media outlets, health care providers, schools, and community and faith-based organizations.

The community is invited to help celebrate [10 years of collaboration](#) to lower the teen pregnancy rate at [United Way's annual Women's Leadership Brunch](#) on Wednesday, May 18. The inaugural Linda T. Mellowes "Woman Leader of the Year" award will also 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. The recipient will be Jan Martin; an early advocate for teen pregnancy prevention and a founding member of the Teen Pregnancy Oversight Committee.

Media is welcome to attend. Details below.

INTERVIEW AVAILABILITY:

Mayor Tom Barrett



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Bevan Baker, Commissioner of Health of the City of Milwaukee

Gary Mueller, Founder of SERVE Marketing

Nicole Angresano, VP of Community Impact for United Way

WHEN: Wednesday, May 18, 2016
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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