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Women United Celebrate an Evening at The Emerson House

La Porte, IN--- United Way of La Porte County hosted a recent Meet & Greet event at the Emerson House in Michigan City. The event started off with a self-guided tour throughout the lovely wedding and event center while grazing the wine bar and charcuterie table. Once all were in attendance, Kris Pate and Ellen Meihofer detailed the history and accomplishments of Women United through the years and the important role that they play in the community. Event attendees shared their suggestions for the group's future endeavors and opportunities to impact the county.

What is Women United? Women United is a global, growing force of 70,000+ women dedicated to creating a world of opportunity—for everyone. The mission of Women United is “to mobilize the power of women’s philanthropy to advance the common good in our community.” Locally, Women United of La Porte County focuses on educating the community about the causes, implications, and ways to fight poverty.

After carefully considering potential impact areas to focus on, the group chose Promoting Financial Stability and Independence in La Porte County. They are committed to building a stronger financial future for individuals and families. Rising prices and job instability paint a gloomy picture, but United Way of La Porte County’s Women United believes we can all play a role in help hard-working families put their lives back together.

“We want to energize and inspire women to take leadership roles within their communities and to make a difference by advocating for important issues,” said Kris Pate, President and CEO of United Way of La Porte County. “Members join together in their belief that the building blocks for a good life—education, income, and health—lift the community as a whole and create a better life for us all. Women can stand-up, unite, and take action on issues that hit closest to home through philanthropy and service,” she added.

“There are several exciting Women United events planned over the next year or so,” said Ellen Meihofer, United Way’s Director of Community Engagement. “We will host a Power of the Purse event on Thursday September 8, 2022 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Uptown Social in Michigan City. This will be a ticketed event. If you have attended our POP event in the past, this one will look much different! Those who would like to help raise funds for financial stability in La Porte County can purchase an event ticket, and individuals, businesses, social/service groups, etc. can donate a brand new name brand purse stuffed with themed accessories for the event auction. We are challenging everyone to get creative and have fun, whether the theme revolves around a business, hobby, or it’s decked out in glitter, the sky’s



the limit! Grab a ticket and join us for a fun girl's night out! Please visit the Event tab on our website for more," Added Meihofer.

All women in La Porte County who are interested in becoming part of Women United and having a direct impact on improving the community are encouraged to learn more on how they can become involved at <https://www.unitedwaylpc.org/women-united>, on our Facebook page (Women United of La Porte County), or contact Ellen Meihofer (ellen@unitedwaylpc.org) at (210) 219-3534.