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## **United Way of Hampshire County Announces Interim Director**

NORTHAMPTON – United Way of Hampshire County is pleased to announce the appointment of Renee Moss as interim executive director. Moss replaces Jim Ayres who resigned his position as executive director to serve as president and CEO of United Way of Pioneer Valley.

Julie Cowan, UWHC board chair, announced that Renee Moss will serve as interim Executive Director while the board conducts a search to permanently fill the position. Moss, UWHC board member, recently retired as long-time Executive Director of Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Hampshire County.

"Renee is well respected in the community, and will bring a strong leadership skills to our United Way as we make the transition to a new director. We are grateful that she is willing to give her time and talents to United Way just as she was starting her retirement," said Cowan.

UWHC Board Vice Chair Kate Glynn stated, "Renee brings impressive experience to the interim director role at UWHC, where she will work with the staff and Board on a number of fronts, including the search for a permanent executive. The Board of Directors is extremely excited to have someone with such a strong non-profit background and so well known in the community."

According to Cowan, "Renee was willing to step forward and serve in this capacity. She has been a tremendous board member and volunteer — our organization is very fortunate to have her step in at this critical time as we prepare for the 2018 Community Campaign."

"I was approached by some of the officers of United Way to see if I would be interested," Moss said Monday. "United Way is a great organization, and I'm looking forward to working with the incredible staff."

Renee Moss was with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Hampshire County for 32 years. Her passion for community collaboration and creating new partnerships is what she enjoyed most about leading BBBSHC. Before moving to Amherst in 1985, Moss taught in the NYC public schools for 10 years.

Moss will assume the executive director position on June 26, 2017 and is expected to stay until September 22, 2017.



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### **About United Way of Hampshire County**

United Way of Hampshire County engages and inspires the people, employers, and organizations of Hampshire County to give, advocate, and volunteer on behalf of our community. Our vision is that all individuals and families have the tools and resources to reach their full potential through education, economic security, and wellness. Lifting together, we build strong, vibrant, and inclusive communities.

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