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Family Advocacy Center Celebrates 10 Years of Service

Albuquerque, NM – United Way of Central New Mexico and the Family Advocacy Center (FAC) are celebrating 10 years of services to individuals and families who have experienced interpersonal violence. UWCNM will host a news conference to discuss the FAC’s mission, operations, and partners at 11 a.m. on October 26, 2017, at 625 Silver SW in Albuquerque. Speakers will include District Attorney Raul Torrez; APD Commander Paul Szych; Amy Whitfield, Executive Director of DVRC; and Ed Rivera, President and CEO of UWCNM.

United Way of Central New Mexico will also introduce Bev McMillan, who has been named the FAC Coordinator. This is a newly created position that will support, coordinate and promote the shared activities of the FAC partners. McMillan brings an exemplary public service record to UWCNM; she is also one of the community and business leaders who participated in the founding of the FAC.

“We know that Bev’s experience and genuine caring will advance the important work of the partners of the Family Advocacy Center,” said Ed Rivera, President and CEO of United Way of Central New Mexico. “She will facilitate the FAC’s strategic vision and create opportunities for community engagement in her new role, which will result in even more assistance for those who need it.”

The Center opened on October 23, 2007, as a partnership of the Albuquerque Police Department in conjunction with the Albuquerque Department of Family and Community Services and the United Way of Central New Mexico. Since then, more than 41,000 people have benefited from the services offered by the partners of the FAC.

The FAC offers a variety of free and confidential services for anyone who has experienced domestic violence, rape, sexual assault, child sexual abuse, stalking, etc. The services include medical care, advocacy, legal and financial assistance, as well as law enforcement and prosecution. The unique design of the facility dramatically reduces the stress and trauma often placed on victims and their families by giving them access to a wide range of support services all at one location.

To learn more about the FAC, visit www.uwcnm.org/how-we-help/basic-needs-financial-stability/family-advocacy-center

United Way of Central New Mexico, founded in 1934, serves a four-county region. UWCNM’s mission is to bring people and resources together to measurably improve lives and strengthen our communities. To learn more, visit www.uwcnm.org or call 505-247-3671.