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## United Way of Central New Mexico Co-Hosts United Way Western Regional Conference 2016

Albuquerque, NM – United Way of Central New Mexico and the United Ways of California have partnered with United Ways from a number of western states as well as United Way Worldwide to host the [2016 United Way Western Regional Conference](#) in Albuquerque from August 2-5, 2016. United Way of Central New Mexico (UWCNM), founded in 1934, serves a four-county region; its mission is to bring people and resources together to measurably improve lives and strengthen our communities.

More than 200 attendees will attend professional development and learning opportunities for United Ways of all sizes, along with numerous sessions on organizational development, financial management, collective impact, resource development, marketing and more.

“The United Way of Central New Mexico was pleased to be selected as the host community for this important conference of western states,” said UWCNM President and CEO Ed Rivera. “Local United Ways benefit a great deal from the opportunities to learn from professionals in peer communities as we all pursue measurable goals toward improving outcomes for children and families in all of our communities.”

Keynote speakers for the 2016 United Way Western Regional Conference include:

- **Brian Gallagher**, President and CEO of United Way Worldwide, will provide a keynote speech outlining how United Way is addressing the education, health and financial stability needs of communities;
- **Hedrick Smith**, Pulitzer-prize winner from The New York Times and author of *Who Stole the American Dream?*;
- **Dr. America Bracho**, Executive Director of Latino Health Access, a center for health promotion and disease prevention in Santa Ana, California; and,
- **Professor Stefan Bradley**, Director of the African-American Studies program at St. Louis University who has spoken about empowering youth in the aftermath of Ferguson.

United Way Worldwide has 1,800 local affiliates in more than 40 countries and territories raising \$5.2 billion annually, with 10.3 million donors and 2.9 million volunteers.

To learn more about United Way of Central New Mexico, visit [www.uwcnm.org](http://www.uwcnm.org) or call 505-247-3671.

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2016 United Way Western Regional Conference -- Participating United Ways

ARIZONA

Mesa United Way

United Way of Northern Arizona

United Way of Tucson and

Southern Arizona

Valley of the Sun United Way

CALIFORNIA

Arrowhead United Way

United Way California Capitol Region

United Way Monterey County

United Way of San Diego County

United Ways of Santa Cruz County

United Way of the Bay Area

United Way of the Wine Country

United Way of Ventura County

Woodland United Way

COLORADO

Mile High United Way

IDAHO

United Way of South Central Idaho

KANSAS

Harvey County United Way

LOUISIANA

United Way of Southwest Louisiana

NEVADA

United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra

Navajo United Way

United Way of Pinal County

United Way of Yavapai County

Orange County United Way

United Way of Greater Los Angeles

United Way of Northern California

United Way of San Luis Obispo County

United Way of Stanislaus County

United Way of the Inland Valleys

United Way of Tulare County

United Ways of California

United Way of Southwest Colorado

United Way of Southeastern Idaho

United Way of Southern Nevada

NEW MEXICO

San Juan United Way

United Way of Central New Mexico

United Way of Chaves County

United Way of Eastern New Mexico

United Way of Northern New Mexico

United Way of Southwest New Mexico

OKLAHOMA

United Way of Southwest Oklahoma

OREGON

United Way of the Columbia-Willamette

PENNSYLVANIA

Clearfield Area United Way

TENNESSEE

United Way of Blount County

TEXAS

Lubbock Area United Way

United Way of Abilene

United Way of Amarillo & Canyon

United Way of Denton County

United Way of El Paso County

United Way of Grayson County

United Way of Greater Baytown Area & Chambers County

United Way of Hays County

United Way of Metropolitan Dallas

United Way of Midland

United Way of Odessa

United Way of San Antonio & Bexar County

United Way of Smith County

United Ways of Texas

UTAH

United Way of Salt Lake

United Way of Utah County

VIRGINIA

United Way Worldwide

WASHINGTON

Spokane County United Way

United Way of Central Washington

United Way of Chelan and Douglas Counties

United Way of Kitsap County

United Ways of the Pacific Northwest