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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
- 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