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United Way of Tompkins County Announces Michael Ramos as President & CEO

Ithaca, NY –United Way of Tompkins County’s Board Chair, Scott Keenan, announces the appointment of UWTC President & CEO, Michael Ramos, effective May 15, 2023. Ramos has previously served as Executive Director of the Church Council of Greater Seattle since 2008, and is re-locating to Tompkins County with this appointment. Keenan states, “Michael is a proven leader and has led meaningful change within the communities he has served. For decades he has been leading with passion, courage, humility, and a collaborative mind-set. We have the utmost confidence in Michael’s leadership and his ability to foster positive change within UWTC and beyond. Michael’s life work has proven that he will work collaboratively towards positive impacts with a focus on the well-being of our Tompkins County communities.”

Ramos brings with him an extensive background in non-profit leadership, as well as a focus on social justice and anti-racism, having served as Social Justice Director for the Church Council of Greater Seattle previous to his appointment as Executive Director of that organization. He has also been heavily involved in other non-profits in King County, having served on boards and committees such as the Regional Homelessness Authority, Affordable Housing Committee, Pandemic & Racism Advisory Group, Committee to End Homelessness, and Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network, among others.

Ramos shared, “I am thrilled to join the team at United Way! I look forward to coming alongside the amazing work of staff, board, and community to create pathways so that all people may thrive in Tompkins County. Together, we can continue to serve as both catalyst for transformational impact and bridge for community-based organizations to flourish through collaborative partnership.”

The Board of Directors of the United Way of Tompkins County extends its deepest gratitude to Gail Belokur, who has served as Interim CEO since August 2022, and to the rest of the UWTC staff. Their unwavering commitment to United Way’s mission is an invaluable asset to our community.

United Way of Tompkins County will announce opportunities for the community to welcome Ramos in the near future.

About UWTC:

Working with donors, community volunteers and funded partners, United Way of Tompkins County supports individuals in their efforts to live self-sufficient, productive lives and helps build a stronger, healthier community for Tompkins County through programming in the areas of financial stability, health, and education.

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