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Mardi Gras Celebration at Coltivare to Benefit United Way

Ithaca, NY – Visions Federal Credit Union and Coughlin and Gerhart, LLP are pleased to sponsor the 2023 Mardi Gras Celebration in downtown Ithaca at Coltivare on Tuesday, February 21, from 5 to 8 p.m. The event benefits the United Way of Tompkins County’s Community Care Fund, which supports the work of over 50 local nonprofit programs and services across Tompkins County.

The event will feature New Orleans inspired appetizers prepared by the culinary team at Coltivare. Fall Creek Brass Band, sponsored for the evening by CFCU Community Credit Union, will provide entertainment from 5:15 to 8p.m. A line-up of community leaders taking part as “Celebrity Bartenders” will provide great hospitality and plenty of personality in a competition to bring in the most tips. These tips, along with \$25 of each ticket sold, will be donated directly to United Way of Tompkins County’s Community Care Fund.

The Community Care Fund is the organization’s largest grant fund, and it provides essential funding to programs and services that help Tompkins County residents build stable, healthy lives. “The Community Care Fund makes thousands of individual impacts throughout Tompkins County every year. The funding supports the essential services that are actively working to remove the barriers that keep far too many of our neighbors from an equitable existence. The focus on empowering our community is why we hope our friends and neighbors in every corner of the county will contribute generously to our Community Campaign by attending events or making an individual or corporate gift,” says Director of Community Impact, Gregg Houck.

Tickets are available online now for \$75 at www.uwtc.org/mardigras. As the event has sold out in the past, early registration is encouraged. For more information or assistance, please contact United Way by email at unitedwaytompkins@uwtc.org or by phone at (607) 500-GIVE.

The event is one of several aiming to help the United Way of Tompkins County’s Annual Community Campaign, which is seeking an additional \$300,000 by March 31, to reach its goal of \$1.8 million. A full 100% of individual donor dollars go to programs and services, thanks to administrative costs being covered by Corporate Cornerstone Partners (CCPs) plus UWTC’s investment earnings and earned income.

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