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## **Trident United Way Celebrates 10 Years of Women United**

**NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C.** – Nearly 150 engaged female philanthropic leaders filled the room of the North Charleston Marriott to celebrate 10 years of Trident United Way’s philanthropy group Women United on Tuesday afternoon.

“We help girls and women go big in a big way,” TUV Women United Incoming Chair Kathryn Whitaker said of the group.

In addition to enjoying a look back at the development of Women United, which currently boasts more than 700 members, the affinity group recognized female leaders in the community with its annual awards.

Dorchester Children’s Advocacy Center Executive Director Dr. Kay Phillips was named Women United’s Nonprofit Leader of the Year for her dedication to children and families in her community. Phillips has served at the helm of DCAC since 2004 and was one of three governor-appointed citizens to join the South Carolina Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee on Children.

Trident United Way Women United awarded Cindy Brams with the Changemaker of the Year award for her significant impact with Trident United Way as former Finance Chair and member of the Board of Directors. A shareholder of Elliott Davis, Brams is also a member of the Women United Steering Committee and works with several other organizations in the Tri-County community.

“I do what I do because this community is very important to me,” Brams said of her work with TUV. “It’s where I live and it’s where I work.”

The final award was given to MUSC’s Executive Vice President of Finance and Operations Lisa Montgomery, who was named the Role Model of the Year. Montgomery has also served terms on Trident United Way’s Board of Directors and Finance Committee. She was recognized for continually engaging new donors in TUV’s work.

Mimi Griffin served as the keynote speaker of the event. A former basketball color analyst who was inducted into the Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame, Griffin currently serves as the president & CEO of MSG Promotions. Griffin is widely recognized as the first female to provide color commentary for a NCAA men’s basketball tournament game for ESPN and CBS.

“We owe it to others coming behind us to leave the ladder down,” Griffin said of the way women lay groundwork for others in their career paths.

Trident United Way Women United is an engaged network of philanthropic leaders committed to improving education, financial stability and health in our region through their giving, advocacy and volunteerism in our community. To learn more, visit [www.tuw.org/WomenUnited](http://www.tuw.org/WomenUnited).

*Trident United Way is a catalyst for measureable community transformation through collective impact in education, financial stability and health.*