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Compton and Brown Join United Way

United Way Blackhawk Region hires new finance staff.

JANESVILLE – Jan Compton has been selected as United Way Blackhawk Region’s new finance director.

United Way Blackhawk Region President & CEO Mary Fanning-Penny said the finance director fills a critical role ensuring the integrity of United Way’s financial position and performance, overseeing all finance, accounting and investment activities.

“Responsible stewardship is paramount to all we do,” Fanning-Penny said. “Jan will help United Way Blackhawk Region maintain its relentless focus on transparency and accountability. I believe her skill set, expertise and community-mindedness will serve this role exceptionally well.”

Previously, Compton was employed for a decade as controller at Johnson Tractor, and held roles of progressive responsibility at School District of Milton, Johnson Bank and Chase Bank.

Compton earned a Bachelors of Business Administration in 1993, from University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. Additionally, Compton is a Certified Treasury Professional (CTP) and member of the Association for Financial Professionals (AFP). Compton officially started at United Way on March 13.

In her new role, a first order of business for Compton was helping to select a part-time finance & admin specialist. United Way dedicates one full-time and one part-time position to accounting related activities to ensure separation of duties and adherence to sophisticated internal controls.

Michelle Brown started as the new, part-time finance & admin specialist on May 8. Brown has previously worked in both resource development and finance capacities for United Way Blackhawk Region and United Way of Racine County.

Brown earned a Bachelors of Business Management from Cardinal Stritch University in 2010, and plans to pursue a Master's in Business Administration.

"I believe Jan and Michelle will make for a highly ethical, effective and efficient finance team," Fanning-Penny stated. "Their combined passion for building a better community, coupled with strong accounting backgrounds will serve our staff, donors and volunteers well."

About United Way Blackhawk Region

United Way fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in every community. We win by Living United, by forging unlikely partnerships and by finding new solutions to old problems; by mobilizing the best resources; and inspiring individuals to join the fight against a common foe, each community's most daunting social crises. United Way Blackhawk Region Lives United against poverty, family violence, hunger and homelessness to name a few, by providing community grants and resources to 65 human services programs at 33 nonprofit agencies in Rock County, Wis. and northern Winnebago County, Ill. More information is available at LiveUnitedBR.org.

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