



# Press Release

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## **United Way of the Bay Area Welcomes New Board Members**

SAN FRANCISCO, April 13, 2010 – United Way of the Bay Area is pleased to announce the election of two board members: J. Michael Stedman, Senior Executive Vice President - Real Estate Industries, Union Bank NA, and Sherry D. Tennyson, Ed.D., Executive Director, American Canyon Family Resource Center.

“We welcome to our board these outstanding community leaders, who are devoting their time and expertise to help make the Bay Area a better place to live and work,” said United Way of the Bay Area Chief Executive Officer Anne Wilson. “The Bay Area is facing some tough challenges, and the support of individuals like these is essential to United Way’s work in addressing our community’s greatest needs.”

J. Michael Stedman is senior executive vice president and head of the real estate industries for UnionBanCal Corporation and its primary subsidiary, Union Bank N.A. He served on United Way’s volunteer Campaign Cabinet last year, a committee that works closely with the United Way board, staff and volunteers to inspire current and potential donors. He is also a strong advocate for United Way’s work in the Bay Area, especially the 2-1-1 community information line. Stedman is active in various community and industry organizations, including the Urban Land Institute and the Fisher Center For Real Estate & Urban Economics at UC Berkeley.

Sherry Tennyson, Ed.D., is the founder and executive director of the American Canyon Family Resource Center, which is the primary social service agency for the city of American Canyon in Napa County. She serves as director of SparkPoint American Canyon Center, a United Way program operated by the Family Resource Center, which is helping families achieve long-term financial stability. The Center serves more than 350 families and seniors annually, providing financial assistance, parental services and educational workshops. Sherry serves on the Board of the Napa County Local Child Care Planning Council, is an advisory member for the Napa Valley Adult Education council and a member of the American Canyon Chamber of Commerce.

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**About United Way of the Bay Area**

United Way of the Bay Area is a nonprofit organization that creates pathways out of poverty. We focus on helping working families and individuals, ensuring they can meet all of their basic needs, while creating opportunities for them to achieve lasting financial stability. We also invest in programs that empower the next generation for success. United Way convenes partners across sectors, advocates for policy change, runs community programs and educates residents about the issues most vital to a resilient community. Founded in 1922, United Way of the Bay Area serves Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo and Solano Counties. For more information, visit [www.uwba.org](http://www.uwba.org).

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