



**A letter from our Campaign Co-Chairs
Twyla and Ken Bartholomew**



Dear Friends and Neighbors:

We have had the pleasure of calling Fort Pierre/Pierre our home for the last 26 years. We've been fortunate to raise our 4 children, Renee, Alexis, Chandler and Stacy, in the wholesome environment of this small-town community and now have the opportunity to watch most of our grandchildren grow up here as well.

Twyla has been a member of the Capital Area United Way Board of Directors for 7 years, serving as president during the 2016-2017 campaign. She still serves as a community volunteer on the allocations and special events committees. It was during this time that she came to understand intimately the incredible role the United Way plays in serving our communities.

As a full-time practicing physician, there is hardly a week that goes by that Ken is not contacting at least one of the partner agencies for assistance as a patient advocate. Meals on Wheels, Missouri Shores Domestic Violence Center, Oahe, Inc., Urban Indian Health,

the Right Turn, the Child Assessment Center and the scouting programs are just a few examples of the 21 partner agencies that he relies on.

Twyla has provided transportation for scores of underserved children so they can access the Dakota Smiles Mobile Dental Program. Two years ago she helped initiate a new program called Project H.E.R.O. (Helping Educators Reach Others). It provides milk tickets for students who otherwise would go without as well as transit passes for those who need a ride to school.

Another new program, that both of us support and help with, started in January 2018 was called "Say Yes to the Dance". This is a community impact program designed to make King of Hearts and Prom attire accessible for all high school students.

A new program announced at the campaign kick-off is the 2-1-1 Helpline Center. The Helpline Center works with the partner agencies to help connect people to the services they need. A specific goal of the 2-1-1 program is to provide a lifeline to people suffering from mental health crises.

Thank you for your continued support of the Capital Area United Way. Please **"Raise Your Hand"** and help us make our 30th year a memorable one!

Sincerely,

Ken and Twyla Bartholomew

