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## Board and Annual Meeting Media Release

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The Merrill Area United Way held its Annual Meeting on February 7, 2022, at Incredible Bank, Merrill, WI. This meeting provides for the election of new Board members and officers for the 2022 year.

Stepping down as President of the organization is Becca Klessig; however, she will remain active on the Board and serve as the Immediate Past President. **Re-elected** to the Board for additional 3-year terms were: Jane Dehnel, Stacy Stevens, Mike Ravn, Shannon Murray, David Johnson, and Clyde Nelson.

**Newly elected** to the Board were: Mark Zulliger (3-year term) and Lin Kautza (2-year term). Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to Kelly Zagrzebski (served 27 years) and Amy Krueger (served 26 years).

The **election** of the 2020-21 Officers and the remaining Executive Committee resulted in the following:

President: Maria Brickner, Brickner Park City, Inc.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Stacy Stevens, retired T.B. Scott Public Library

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Mike Ravn, retired Former CEO, Church Mutual Insurance

Treasurer: Brian Richards, Richard Mamer CPA SC

Secretary: Jane Dehnel, Office Management

Immediate Past President: Becca Klessig, Clifton, Larson, Allen CPA's.

Executive Committee Members: Leah Burbach – Church Mutual Insurance Co.; Shannon Murray --Merrill Senior High School; David Johnson -- City of Merrill; Joseph Breaman 11 -- Breaman Merrill Ford; and Nancy Kwiesielewicz -- Reindl Printing.

Additional action included presenting and accepting the 2021 Annual Report; approval of the 2022 Annual Expense Budget; and acknowledging the of service of our President Becca Klessig for her leadership this past year. Appreciation was also expressed for the many years of service our two departing Board member, Kelly Zagrzebski and Amy Krueger, gave to the ongoing development of our organization.

Klessig thanked the Board for the great progress made toward achieving the organizations goals in 2021 and for their dedication in overseeing the ongoing development of the Merrill Area United Way. It was a year of ongoing change and flexibility was key to our success. Incoming President Brickner left a message that 2022 will be a special year as the Merrill Area United Way will celebrate and commemorate our 75 year anniversary. United Way is a great organization that serves many facets of the community and helps meet the important needs of people who live in the area. The 2021 Annual Report is available on the United Way Face Book page or website: merrillareaunitedway.org.

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(A copy of the 2021 Annual Report is attached for inclusion with the release or for use as a separate story.)