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## **Commissioner John Russell named United Way Campaign Cabinet Division Chair**

This year Greene County District 2 Commissioner John Russell joins a diverse group of respected volunteer leaders as a Campaign Cabinet Division Chair for the United Way of the Ozarks.

In this role he will serve as a goodwill ambassador for the United Way and work within the community to provide education about the organization and help garner support for their mission. He will also work to identify additional committee members to assist with the campaign.

“We have assembled a top-notch Campaign Cabinet again this year to help guide our community’s annual United Way campaign, and we couldn’t be more pleased that Commissioner Russell has joined this group to help lead a division. I’m confident he will do a great job,” said United Way of the Ozarks President and CEO Greg Burris.

Other Cabinet Division Chairs include:

- David Cook, The Bank of Missouri
- Steve Fox, US Bank
- Leo Henning, KOLR 10
- GR Stovall, Dewitt & Associates
- Mark Walker, TCSI Transland
- Mick Nitch, The Bank of Missouri
- Jason Gage, City of Springfield
- Bill Hennessey, Mercy Health
- Mike Gott, Local Union 178

- Scott Meier, Mid-West Family Marketing
- Mary Ann Rojas , City of Springfield
- Pat Gartland, Retired BGC
- Buddy Ball, Community Volunteer
- Mike White, SRC Logistics
- Gary Garwitz, Retired, BKD
- Lynn Yeaggy, CoxHealth
- Pam Yates, Arvest Bank

Russell has also agreed to act as the Employee Campaign Manager for Greene County employees where he will serve as United Way champion in the County government workplace. Greene County consistently ranks within the Top 25-35 campaign contributors and since 2008 our employees have contributed more than \$185,000 through employee giving.

“With all that the United Way does to support Greene County, it was a natural fit to help champion their cause and their annual campaign goals as a Cabinet Division Chair,” Commissioner Russell said. “I look forward to working with the other community members who have also committed to helping this worthy organization.”

Through 22 local agencies, United Way funds programs that focus on health, education, and financial stability to move families from crisis to stability. Last year, United Way funded organizations that served 178,546 individuals in Greene County.

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*Greene County is the State of Missouri’s fourth most populous county, serving more than 275,000 people (2010 census). Its mission is to provide all citizens of Greene County, including those in its cities, a safe and thriving community through excellent customer service, unparalleled dedication, and the efficient use of taxpayer dollars. The Greene County Commission is the executive body of Greene County operating under guidelines established in the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri. Within that authority the Commission enacts ordinances, resolutions and policies, supervises the activities of county departments, fixes salaries, adopts the annual budget, provides for construction and other services, and conducts hearings on planning and zoning matters.*