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## UNITED WAY OF GREATER CLEVELAND ANNOUNCES NEW MEMBERS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CLEVELAND: United Way of Greater Cleveland today announced new members to its Board of Directors including:

- **Matt Carroll**, Chief Economic Growth and Opportunity Officer for Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish, overseeing the departments of Health and Human Services, Economic Development, Public Works and Sustainability. Carroll serves on the Executive Committee of First Year Cleveland and on the boards of the Gateway Economic Development Corporation, the Group Plan Commission, the Cuyahoga County Convention Facilities Development Corporation, the Say Yes to Education Operating Committee, the Towpath Trail Management Committee and the Cuyahoga County Community Improvement Corporation.
- **Nabil C. Chehade, M.D., MSBS**, Senior Vice President and Chief Population Health Officer of MetroHealth, responsible for leading MetroHealth's efforts to transform its clinical and operational approach to a population healthcare model. Dr. Chehade previously worked at HealthSpan Physicians and the Ohio Permanente Medical Group, where he served as Chief Executive officer and market president.
- **Joe DiRocco**, Regional President of Fifth Third Bank, Northeast Ohio. He is Treasurer of the Greater Cleveland Partnership, a Board Director at Tri-C Foundation, Greater Cleveland Food Bank and Team NEO, as well as an Advancement Council Member at the University of Akron College of Business Administration.
- **Len Komoroski**, Chief Executive Officer of the Cleveland Cavaliers and Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse, which includes the Cleveland Monsters (AHL), Canton Charge (NBAGL) and Cavs Legion Gaming Club (NBA2K) as well as a principal in JACK Entertainment, which operates JACK Casino Cleveland and JACK Thistledown Racino. Komoroski is a Trustee at Cleveland State University and Cleveland Clinic's Hillcrest Hospital, as well as Board Director at Downtown Cleveland Alliance and at the Greater Cleveland Partnership. He is also a member of the Executive Committee of Destination Cleveland and the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.
- **Mary Ogden**, founding partner of the Ogden Post Consulting Group, a strategic advisory firm focused on nonprofits. Ogden serves as a Trustee at United Way of Medina County and a member of the Community Impact Committee, Secretary on the Medina County Bar Association Grievance Committee, Executive Committee Member and Treasurer of the Sierra Club Portage Trail Group, Vice Chair and Finance Committee Chair for the Sierra Club – Ohio Chapter, Trustee at Medina County District Library and a member of the For-Profit Ventures at North Coast Community Homes.



- **Andrew “Randy” Paine**, President of Key Institutional Bank, which includes KeyBanc Capital Markets, Key’s Institutional and Healthcare Real Estate platform, and Key Equipment Finance and a member of KeyCorp’s Executive Leadership Team. Paine currently serves on the Board of Directors at the KeyBank Foundation. He previously served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky, Chairman of KeyBank’s corporate-wide United Way campaign, on the Board of Visitors for DePauw University, and on the Board of Directors for Special Olympics Indiana and Meals on Wheels in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- **Jeffery K. Patterson**, CEO and Safety Director of the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority. Patterson is also Vice President of the Council for Large Public Housing Authorities and serves on the Board of Directors of many nonprofits, including American Heart Association, Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, Cleveland Rape Crisis Center, Cleveland Transformation Alliance, Greater Cleveland Food Bank, St. Luke’s Foundation and Unify Labs.
- **Tara Samstag**, Associate Director of Development and Alumni Relations at Cleveland Clinic. Samstag is Co-Chair of United Way of Greater Cleveland’s Young Leaders Cabinet and has served the community as Volunteer Captain for VeloSano, Events Co-Chair of Providence House PHriends Group and a Mentor for Refugee Response.
- **Carter E. Strang**, Partner with Tucker Ellis LLP. His community involvement includes serving as Leader-in-Residence at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Chair of the Kent State University Honors College Advisory Committee, and Board Chair of The Center for Community Solutions. A past president of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, he is the principal author of its nationally acclaimed 3Rs curriculum, which provides Cleveland and East Cleveland high school students insights into the law and career goal setting. Strang is also a past president of the Federal Bar Association Northern District of Ohio Chapter and President-Elect of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation.
- **Mary Ann Stropkay**, Independent Consultant with Bridgeforce LLC since February 2019. Stropkay is Chair of the United Way Services of Geauga County Board of Directors, Director on the Torchlight Youth Mentoring Alliance board of directors, former Board President and Treasurer of MoCA Cleveland and the former Director of St. Clair Superior Development Corporation.
- **Vanessa Whiting**, President of A.E.S Management Corp. and an attorney with extensive experience in real estate and small business enterprise law focused on affordable housing as well as community and economic development. Whiting serves as Chair of the MetroHealth Board of Trustees and chairs the Board’s Legal and Government Relations Committee as well as the Governance Committee. She also serves on the boards of the Tri-C Foundation, the Fairmount Presbyterian Church and the Greater Cleveland Partnership. Whiting co-chairs the Karamu House Capital and Sustaining Campaign and is a Life Member of the NAACP.

“We are thrilled to welcome United Way of Greater Cleveland’s new Directors to the Board,” said Augie Napoli, United Way of Greater Cleveland’s President and CEO. “United Way is fueled by the volunteerism of accomplished and dedicated community leaders like these eleven individuals who have shown tireless devotion and commitment to Greater Cleveland both in their professions and through their philanthropic work. United Way of Greater Cleveland’s new directors bring vast experience from across the public, private and nonprofit sectors which will be essential in helping further enhance our strong cross-sector partnerships and most importantly, our work together to create a better life – one which affords equity and opportunity – for all Clevelanders.”

United Way of Greater Cleveland's Board of Directors is led by Board Chair Paul Dolan, First Vice Chair Enid B. Rosenberg and Second Vice Chair Ira C. Kaplan and comprised of private and public sector leaders from across Cuyahoga, Geauga and Medina counties dedicated to eliminating the cycle of poverty for people in need throughout Greater Cleveland.



For a complete listing of United Way of Greater Cleveland's Board of Directors, please visit:  
<https://www.unitedwaycleveland.org/who-we-are/leadership-in-action/our-board-of-directors/>.

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*Founded in 1913, United Way of Greater Cleveland is a local, independent nonprofit organization dedicated to fighting poverty across the Greater Cleveland area. The largest private-sector investor of health and human services, United Way invests in efforts that address poverty using a two-pronged approach. The first prong focuses on the daily issues affecting those living in poverty, the Community Hub for Basic Needs. The second drives research and innovation through the Impact Institute, a think tank with an action plan, focused on identifying long-term solutions to break the cycle of poverty. For more information, visit [www.unitedwaycleveland.org](http://www.unitedwaycleveland.org).*