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Achieving Capacity Together (ACT) Northwest Arkansas Enters Year Two

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Lowell, ARK. – United Way of Northwest Arkansas (UWNWA) is announcing that the application cycle for the 2018-2019 Achieving Capacity Together in Northwest Arkansas (ACT NWA) cohort will open on Thursday, July 26th. This will be the second year for this innovative program that exposes nonprofits to concepts such as strategic planning, board development, infrastructure management, program evaluation and more.

The inaugural class of ACT NWA completed the program in June. Comments from graduates include the following:

“ACT NWA has given us resources to develop a plan, knowledge to know whether the plan is working, and has empowered us with confidence to make changes when needed.”

“While our agency has gained morsels of knowledge and insight from each and every session, our most important takeaway is our new bank of resources – the information and ideas we have gathered from the collective body of sessions...ACTNWA has been an absolute gift to supporting and growing our nonprofit.”

“When we first started attending the ACT cohort, we didn’t know what we didn’t know. Now we are leaving better equipped to sustain what we are passionate about.”

The new cohort, launching in September, will be open to organizations with programs serving the working poor. Any nonprofit organization serving the Northwest Arkansas community is eligible to apply, providing its revenues are between \$200,000 and \$3 million excluding in-kind donations, and at least a portion of its programming serves individuals living below the 200% poverty level.

The goal of the ACT NWA program is to strengthen a nonprofits ability to fulfill its mission and enhance its ability to have an impact on its served community. ACT NWA accomplishes this through nine monthly interactive training sessions lasting four to six hours, depending upon content, and individual organization coaching. Applications are available at www.actnwa.org or on the UWNWA website and can be submitted through 5:00 p.m. August 17th.

Questions can be directed to info@actnwa.org or to Community Impact staff at the UWNWA.

The UWNWA provides funding to 38 programs supporting children and families living in poverty, operates a Gift in Kind Warehouse accessed by over 200 organizations in the community, maintains the local 211 crisis line, coordinates the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance/Free Tax Service initiative in Northwest Arkansas, provides capacity building services to local nonprofit organizations, and manages numerous volunteer projects including Live United Day and Fill The Bus. To donate to UWNWA go to www.unitedwaynwa.org/give.