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### **UNITED WAY OF SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA PRESIDENT/CEO SELECTED TO EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

**Lawton, Okla** – Lauren Ellis, President/CEO of United Way of Southwest Oklahoma, has been selected as one of 15 CEO's from across the United Way Network to participate in this year's United Way Worldwide Executive Leadership Development Program.

This cutting-edge leadership development experience is designed to empower participants with an increased ability to lead with self-awareness and enhanced impact in local communities, the organization and the United Way network. "I am extremely honored and to have been chosen for this prestigious leadership opportunity. I look forward to the challenge, and am excited for the process and for the impact it will have on United Way of Southwest Oklahoma."

The focus of the program is Collaborative Leadership. The three themes that are core foundation of the program are collaboration & trust; direction, alignment, commitment, & ownership; and transformative change/change leadership. Participants will attend trainings at the Harvard Business School, the Center for Creative Leadership, Deloitte University, and United Way Worldwide in Alexandria, Virginia.

"Being part of this program is both a great privilege and a great responsibility," said Brian Gallagher, President and Chief Executive Officer of United Way Worldwide. "

The program will commence in December 2015 at United Way Worldwide in Alexandria, Virginia.

#### **About the United Way of Southwest Oklahoma:**

*The United Way funds 19 local agencies and their various programs that address community issues. The United Way is a charitable organization and depends on volunteers and the generosity of the local community to fulfill its mission. For more information, please visit [www.uwswok.org](http://www.uwswok.org).*

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