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United Way recognizes two volunteers with service award

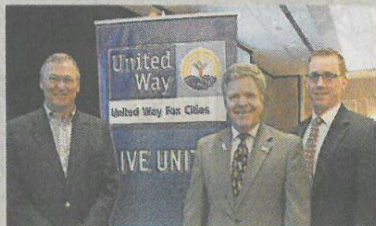


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Tim Short (left) and Mike Hochholzer (right) are United Way's 2015 Wes Urch Volunteer Service Award recipients. They are pictured with Peter Kelly, president and CEO at United Way Fox Cities.

At the United Way's annual Report to the Community event, an individual is recognized for his or her outstanding service to United Way Fox Cities. This is more than "volunteer of the year" recognition; the Wes Urch Volunteer Service Award is given to an individual for their years of volunteerism. This year the award committee honored two volunteers for their years of service to United Way Fox Cities.

Mike Hochholzer joined the basic needs and self sufficiency impact area in 2006. Since then, he has served as vice chairman and chairman. In 2009, he became a member of the community impact council, the group of volunteers that oversees all of United Way's investments. In 2013, he became the vice chairman and, last year, he became the chairman of the community impact council. During this time, he also joined the United Way Fox Cities board of directors.

In addition to overseeing program investments, Hochholzer has either led or participated in the review of all general grant and innovative grant proposals for the past two and a half years.

One nominator stated: "In his various roles, this individual has provided invaluable leadership that has led to the recommendation and funding of tens of millions of dollars of support for countless individuals in our community. United Way Fox Cities does not have impact in the community without the selfless leadership of people like Mike Hochholzer."

After serving as the executive chair of the Kimberly-Clark Corp. campaign in 2006, **Tim Short** served on the United Way Fox Cities board of directors. He went on to chair the board of directors in 2011. He shared his business expertise by joining the marketing committee in 2006 and continues to serve as a valuable member today. In addition, Short joined the Community Impact Council in 2010 and still serves on it today.

Although Short has served United Way Fox Cities in many roles, one of his biggest contributions comes from his involvement in the strategic planning process. He helped craft a five-year strategic plan, and since 2012 and has met with the leadership team at least twice a year.

Nanci Micke, vice president of marketing and communications at United Way Fox Cities, said: "Tim's work with our strategic planning should qualify him for sainthood. I can think of few volunteers that would have taken on that task and stayed with us through years of planning. Tim's efforts have helped us to do a better job of living our mission to build a stronger, more caring community."