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## Nominations Open for Awards to Celebrate Local Volunteers

Framingham, MA- Nominations are now open for the United Way of Tri-County (UWTC) Volunteer of the Year and Youth Volunteer of the Year awards. Each year UWTC recognizes individuals in the MetroWest/495 Corridor whose dedicated volunteer service significantly contributes to the local community.

“Every year we celebrate a Youth Volunteer of the Year and Volunteer of the Year who exemplify the spirit of philanthropy through their dedication and willingness to serve the community,” said Paul Mina, President and CEO. “We will continue our tradition of recognizing volunteers for their passion and hard work to create positive change in our communities,” Mina went on to say.

Nominees do not need to be a United Way volunteer, but those nominated must show exceptional effort and commitment, working selflessly for others in their community.

A committee of volunteers will select an individual winner for both the Youth Volunteer and Volunteer of the Year awards. The two volunteers will be honored at the United Way’s Annual Recognition Breakfast, generously sponsored by the MetroWest Medical Center in Framingham, on Thursday, April 6, at the Sheraton Hotel in Framingham. More details and nomination forms can be found on the UWTC website at [www.uwotc.org/nominate](http://www.uwotc.org/nominate).

Nominations will be accepted through Friday, February 17 and can be submitted online or by mail if post marked by 2/17/17 to: United Way Volunteer for the Year Review Committee, 46 Park Street, Framingham, MA 01702.

The United Way of Tri-County is a community building organization that brings people together to care for one another. We provide programs and services, connect volunteers, strengthen agencies, teach social responsibility, and meet the critical needs of the community with the help of people like you.

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