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[eficarra@websterbank.com](mailto:eficarra@websterbank.com)**Webster Bank United Way Employee Campaign Raises \$1.55 million in 2018***Funds support more than 70 United Way agencies across Webster's footprint*

**WATERBURY, Conn., February 21, 2019** – [Webster Bank](#) today announced its 2018 Webster United Way Employee Campaign garnered a record-breaking \$1.55 million through pledges from bankers as well as fundraising events and a corporate contribution – a \$53,000 increase from 2017.

“The increase in pledges is a testament to the generosity of our bankers, who step forward in times of need to make a difference in the communities where we work and live,” said Kathy Luria, senior vice president, philanthropy and community affairs at Webster.

Webster's United Way leadership board, comprised of bankers from across the company including the HSA Bank in Wisconsin, organized fundraisers such as a Step Olympics and a Basketball Challenge as well as an online auction, and other coordinated events to bring attention to the annual online campaign.

“Our bankers' willingness to give and to get involved speaks to Webster's core values,” said 2018 campaign chair James Lane, senior vice president, commercial real estate. “It was an honor to lead the 2018 campaign and work with my fellow bankers across the organization to help raise awareness and funds for the vital work United Way does in our communities.”

Webster Bank is a longtime United Way supporter and has raised more than \$15 million in the past 10-plus years, which has been distributed in communities across the bank's footprint.

“We are proud to work with such a dedicated community partner as Webster Bank,” said Kristen Jacoby, president and chief professional officer of United Way of Greater Waterbury. “On behalf of United Way of Greater Waterbury, I applaud their employees' efforts and willingness to give, and look forward to another successful campaign in 2019.”

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2018 Webster United Way Employee Campaign Chair James Lane, senior vice president, commercial real estate at Webster, second from left, is joined by Kathryn Luria, senior vice president, community affairs and philanthropy at Webster, Kristen Jacoby, president and chief professional officer of the United Way of Greater Waterbury and Webster President and CEO John R. Ciulla at the recent thank-you luncheon for the employee campaign leadership board and volunteers.

