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Texas Mutual Announces \$1.3 Million Gift to United Way of Greater Houston

HOUSTON (February 2025) – United Way of Greater Houston today announced a generous \$1.3 million gift from Texas Mutual Insurance Company to support its work of helping families and individuals achieve financial stability. This transformative gift will not only help families access the resources needed to achieve financial stability, but also support our community’s disaster preparedness.

Texas Mutual’s investment will support three key initiatives that align with Texas Mutual’s priorities of cultivating resiliency and stability for working families across Texas. These initiatives include:

- Navigators, who guide individuals and families on a path towards financial stability
- The Greater Houston Disaster Alliance, which strengthens year-round disaster preparedness and responds with philanthropic resources in times of disaster;
- Bright Beginnings, an innovative early childhood education program which provides quality child care to approximately 1,000 low-to-moderate-income children each year;

“We are proud to support United Way of Greater Houston and its critical work in empowering families to build brighter futures,” said Jeanette Ward, president and CEO of Texas Mutual. “Investing in financial stability, disaster preparedness, and early childhood education helps to build a stronger, more resilient Houston for generations to come.”

Texas Mutual seeks to invest in initiatives that create generational impact and strengthen Texas communities. The company’s philanthropic priorities include: improving the health and wellness of Texas workers and their families; strengthening the early childhood education system; and providing holistic support to ensure families have the resources they need to seize opportunities and achieve financial stability.

Amanda McMillian, president and CEO of United Way of Greater Houston, expressed gratitude for Texas Mutual’s generosity. “This remarkable gift from Texas Mutual will have a lasting impact on families in our community,” McMillian said. “By investing in programs that provide stability, opportunity, and hope, Texas Mutual is taking meaningful strides to help our neighbors land on their feet—and stay there.”

Jeanette Ward, a seasoned leader with over 30 years of experience at Texas Mutual, has played a pivotal role in the company’s strategic growth and commitment to community investment. Named President and CEO in 2023, Ward has been widely recognized for her contributions to the insurance industry and her philanthropic leadership, including honors from Insurance Business America, the Austin Business Journal, and Forbes’ 50 Over 50 – Investments list. She is an active supporter of charitable organizations such as the American Heart Association, United Way, and Early Matters Greater Austin.

Through this partnership, Texas Mutual and United Way of Greater Houston are reinforcing their shared commitment to empowering working families and fostering a future where every member of the Greater Houston community has the opportunity to thrive.

For more information on United Way of Greater Houston, visit <https://unitedwayhouston.org/for-donors/>.

About United Way of Greater Houston

United Way of Greater Houston connects people with possibility. We unite donors, volunteers and community partners in support of a focused plan to remove barriers on the path to financial stability for families and individuals. Programs focused on financial stability, early childhood and youth development, and physical and behavioral health care help our neighbors land on their feet and stay there. These programs are supported by a foundation of basic needs assistance and help for those escaping violence. For families and individuals who are ready, our individualized approach includes navigators who personally guide them as they access multiple services on their unique journey to financial stability. United Way also connects our neighbors with help, hope and critical resources 24/7/365 through the 211 Texas/United Way HELPLINE. Our community investments are backed by research, ensured by good stewardship, and deliver results. For more information, visit www.unitedwayhouston.org.

About Texas Mutual Insurance Company

Austin-based Texas Mutual Insurance Company, a policyholder-owned company, is the state's leading provider of workers' compensation insurance. Texas Mutual provides coverage to 43 percent of the market, representing over 77,000 companies, many of which are small businesses. Since 1991, the company has provided a stable, competitively priced source of workers' comp insurance for Texas employers. Helping employers prevent workplace accidents is an important part of Texas Mutual's mission.

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