



New Presidents Forum Testimonials

“It can be challenging for a new President to set aside 3-5 days for travel and attendance to participate in the New Presidents Forum. Probably even more so for smaller United Ways. Having said that, I’m glad we made the investment. Being new to the United Way, I found the experience to be invaluable, educational and insightful. We have tremendous resource within our network and the Forum presented an opportunity to develop and build relationships which were particularly helpful for me in the first six months and continue to be invaluable resources and partnerships.”

Cindy Adams, President & Chief Executive Officer, Aloha United Way, Honolulu, HI
New Presidents Forum 2015

“The New Presidents Forum was an excellent learning experience. It was wonderful to make connections with UWW staff and other United Ways around the country. It helped to see the bigger picture and how to implement these goals in our smaller community. Highly Recommended!”

Heidi Gullickson, Executive Director, Brookings Area United Way, Brookings, SD
New Presidents Forum 2015

“The New Presidents Forum was instrumental in my on-boarding process and it continues to bear fruit. It created a rich space, among peers for me to be intentional and to think broadly about all the various aspects of what it means to be a United Way President. I highly recommend it.”

Jerome Ferson, President & CEO, United Way Olmsted County, Rochester, MN
New Presidents Forum 2015

“I had just started in my role at UWW and it was great to meet the new United Way leaders and learn about the overall mission of United Way and what new leaders needed to focus on. The networking was great and helped me to build out an inclusion diversity strategy that the local United Ways will have access too.”

Darlene Slaughter, VP, Chief Diversity Officer, United Way Worldwide, Alexandria, VA
New Presidents Forum 2015

“The New President’s Forum increased my knowledge and confidence level in leading our organization. The topics and activities were spot on and the UWW team was fully engaged in the training. I was able to put a face with a name for areas that are important to my United Way. I left the training feeling empowered and I know that I can count of the UW team to help me along the way.”

Heather Hennings, President, United Way of Siouxland, Sioux City, IA

New Presidents Forum 2014

“I was very pleased to be able to attend the 2014 New President's Forum. Having come from the for profit world, and not as familiar with United Way as I felt I needed to be, this was a great experience to meet and share ideas with other leaders. The mix of experience in United Way and non-profit was very beneficial. I truly enjoyed meeting a diverse group of individuals that I know I can contact in the future for help along the way. I also gained the tools and some ideas I needed to help our United Way transition to the Impact Model. Thank you for having these events and giving us the credits to use so that smaller Untied Ways can also afford to have this training.”

Frances Dalbey, Executive Director, United Way of Hunt County, Greenville, TX

New Presidents Forum 2014

“The New President's Forum was a great experience! Not only did I learn a lot, but I also met many wonderful local United Way leaders from around the country. I enjoyed hearing from Brian Gallagher and Stacey Stewart, both of whom were very inspiring speakers, and Suzanne McCormick was an outstanding facilitator. Our United Way has shamelessly "stolen" many of her ideas! What else? The food was delicious. The space is beautiful. And, it was very helpful to meet so many people at United Way Worldwide who support the network on a daily basis. One note... If you're a small United Way, prepare to have a lot of questions about how everything applies to you -- and then ask them! Be sure to get what YOU need at this great event.”

Alice Ricks, Executive Director, United Way of Oxford, Lafayette County, Oxford, MS

New Presidents Forum 2014