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## United Way of Southeast Alaska Welcomes New Board Member

United Way of Southeast Alaska is happy to welcome new board member, Emil Mackey is currently a licensed Insurance Agent and owner of Country Financial, an insurance company affiliated with the Illinois Farm Bureau with other offices serving Alaska since 1980. Emil is a member of the Juneau School Board. Mr. Mackey was elected to fill a three-year term on the Board.

Emil Robert "Mackey" was born and raised in Little Rock Arkansas. He moved to Alaska in 2007 after finishing his Ph.D. in Public Policy, emphasizing Educational Policy & Leadership, from the University of Arkansas. Since moving to Alaska in 2007, he lived and worked in Fairbanks (2007-2009), Kotzebue (2009-2013) and Juneau (2013-Present). Some of his prior volunteer service and recognitions include serving as an AmeriCorps/VISTA volunteer (1995-1996), completing the 2007 University of Alaska Fairbanks Leadership Academy, and serving on the Juneau School Board (2015 – 2018 and 2019-Present). Emil recently served as the Co-Chair of the United Way annual giving Campaign.

Chair Jennifer Treadway welcomed Emil to the board, noting that since 1974, United Way of Southeast Alaska has been working to "advance the common good" by recruiting people and organizations throughout the region to identify community issues, focus a response and effect change. With its recent "Live United" movement—based on the idea that extending a hand to one improves society for all—the United Way outlines a simple strategy for those wishing to take part in Southeast Alaska's philanthropic process: "Give, Advocate, Volunteer." Chair Treadway noted that Mr. Mackey is a leader in the community and will be a valuable addition to the United Way board.

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