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Robert D. Ramirez named 2015-2016 United Way Campaign Chair

Joins six other local executives on United Way Board of Directors

Robert D. Ramirez, President and CEO of Vantage West Credit Union, has been named the **United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona** 2015-2016 Campaign Chair.

Ramirez joins the United Way Board of Directors, along with:

- David Hutchens, President and CEO of UNS Energy Corporation, Tucson Electric Power Company and UniSource Energy Services;
- Allen F. Reid, Vice President of Human Resources and Global Security at Raytheon Missile Systems.
- Joel Rohlik, Vice President of Finance at the Arizona Daily Star.
- Glenn Sampert, General Manager of The Westin La Paloma Resort and Spa.
- Paul C. Tees, Managing Director with BMO Private Bank.
- Fred Yamashita, the Southern Arizona Director of the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 99 (UFCW).



Robert D. Ramirez

“It’s a privilege and an honor to have Robert lead the United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona Annual Campaign,” said Tony Penn, United Way President and CEO.

“We are also fortunate to have Robert and these other local business leaders join our board. United Way and our community will benefit from their executive experience and expertise and their commitment to improving the lives of children, families and seniors.”

- **Robert D. Ramirez** has been with Vantage West (formerly Davis Monthan Federal Credit Union) since 1985 and has served as President/CEO since April 2000. Before joining Vantage West, he worked for Sundt Corporation and Capin Mercantile Corporation.

A native of Arizona, Ramirez is a Certified Public Accountant who received his bachelor’s degree in accounting from the University of Arizona. He also is a graduate of the Financial Management School at the University of Colorado, Boulder; the Stanford Graduate School of Business; and the Credit Union Executive Society (CUES) CEO Institute.

Ramirez is active in numerous community organizations. He serves on the Boards of Directors for the Mountain West Credit Union Association, FirstCorp, the DM50 Club, the 162nd Fighter Wing Guardian Angels, Pima Community College Foundation, Credit Union Executive Society (CUES), El Rio Health Center, San Miguel High School, Southern Arizona Leadership Council and the Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of Sun Corridor Inc. (formerly TREO) Chairman’s Circle and

the Father's Day Council, and was honored as a Father of the Year. Previously, Bob served on the advisory board for the University of Arizona's Eller College.

"It's an honor to be asked to lead this campaign," Ramirez said. "I know I will be able to rely on the committed and generous businesses and organizations in our region – their management, employees and members – to provide support and funds to make this campaign a record year."

The United Way Annual Campaign helps fund the work of United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona and its more than 80 partner agencies and programs.

- **David Hutchens** joined UNS Energy in 1995 and became President in 2011 and CEO in 2014. He is on the Boards of Directors of UNS Energy Corporation, Fortis BC, Western Energy Institute and the Edison Electric Institute.

He received both a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering and an MBA with an emphasis in finance from the University of Arizona. He also served as a nuclear-trained submarine officer in the U.S. Navy.

His participation in the community includes serving on the boards of Sun Corridor Inc., Southern Arizona Leadership Council and Salpointe Catholic High School. He is also a member of the Tucson Conquistadores and DM50.

- **Allen F. Reid** joined Raytheon's Space and Airborne Systems business in 2004, where he rose to director of human resources for engineering. Before his current role, he was director of human resources for the engineering, operations quality and mission assurance, and supply chain management organizations at Raytheon Missile Systems.

Before joining Raytheon, Reid was a corporate and labor law attorney in North Carolina, and had been a finance and business development associate at General Electric.

Reid holds a law degree from the University of Virginia, a master's degree in human resources and industrial relations from the University of Illinois and a bachelor's degree in accounting from Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala.

- **Joel Rohlik** began working for the Arizona Daily Star as controller at Tucson Newspapers Inc. in 2003 and became vice president of finance in 2005. He had been assistant controller at the St. Cloud Times in Minnesota for five years after working in the corporate office of Herberger's department store chain from 1995 to 1998.

He attended St. John's University in Minnesota and St. Cloud State University. Rohlik was enrolled in the ROTC program and earned a commission in the Army, serving for 13 years in the Reserves and attaining the rank of Captain.

He has been a volunteer with Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, Junior Achievement, American Red Cross, Knights of Columbus, USS Tucson 770 Club, United Way, various school organizations and many religious ministries.

- **Glenn Sampert** has worked in the hospitality industry for 30 years, has been a part of the Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide team since 1998 and became General Manager at The Westin La Paloma in 2013.

He graduated Magna Cum Laude from the British Columbia Institute of Technology with a degree in hospitality and tourism administration, and is certified by the American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute.

He is vice chair of the Southern Arizona Lodging and Resort Association, and a member of Visit Tucson and Arizona Lodging and Tourism Association boards of directors and the Southern Arizona Leadership Council.

- **Paul G. Tees** joined BMO Private Bank in 2014 and has 23 years of experience in financial services.

Tees earned a bachelor's degree in finance and an MBA from Arizona State University.

He has served as treasurer on the board of directors of New Beginnings for Women and Children.

- **Fred Yamashita** has been with United Food and Commercial Workers since 2000 as a trustee, board member, business agent, lead union representative, field coordinator and delegate.

In addition to the Pima Area Labor Federation, he is affiliated with the Center for Neighborhood Leadership and the Labor Community Services Agency.

Yamashita attended Macomb County Community College in Warren, Mich., and started his career as a produce manager at Mayfair Markets in Inglewood, Calif.

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About United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona

United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona is working to advance the common good, creating opportunities for a better life for all by focusing on the three key building blocks of Education, Income and Health. United Way is dedicated to creating long lasting community change by addressing the underlying causes of the most significant issues. Our focus areas include: helping children and youth achieve their potential, promoting financial stability and independence, and improving people's health. To live united is to bring TOGETHER the collective power of people to achieve great change. If a difference is to be made, we will make it as one. For more information about United Way, please visit unitedwaytucson.org and www.facebook.com/unitedwaytucson.