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## United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg Delivers Prescription Savings

Free, easy to use prescription savings card delivers significant savings on medications to anyone, regardless of insurance

**Richmond, VA—October 24, 2017** – United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg and FamilyWize Community Service Partnership, an organization focused on improving the health and well-being of individuals, families and communities, today announced that local residents have access to a free, easy to use prescription savings card that to date has helped more than 8.4 million Americans save more than \$857 million on their prescriptions.

"No one should be forced to choose between paying for food, rent or medicine because of the high cost of prescriptions. That's why we've partnered with FamilyWize to distribute free prescription savings cards to everyone in the Richmond and Petersburg region", said James Taylor, President & CEO of United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg. "I am confident residents in all of the communities we serve will embrace this easy and effective savings tool."

FamilyWize cards can immediately lower the cost of medicine by an average of 42 percent for people without insurance or who take medications not covered by their plan. Simply presenting the FamilyWize card at their local pharmacy enables customers to save on the cost of their prescription medicine—no strings attached.

"So many people are struggling with the high cost of medicine and need help right now. The FamilyWize card can provide immediate savings on prescription medicines, with no paperwork or forms to fill out," said Susan Gilmore, Executive Director of Community Engagement of FamilyWize.

The FamilyWize prescription savings card can be used by anyone, including people without insurance and people who are covered by insurance with high deductibles. The FamilyWize

Prescription Savings Card has unlimited use, does not require any personal information from the user and has no eligibility criteria.

To take advantage of the savings that FamilyWize offers, consumers can print a card from <u>FamilyWize.org</u>, can call 1-800-222-2818 and request a card to be sent to them, or can download the free <u>FamilyWize app</u>.

## **About The FamilyWize Community Partnership**

FamilyWize is a community service partnership focused on improving the health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities. Through our partnerships with United Way and more than 100,000 community organizations, government agencies, pharmacies, health systems and businesses, we are making prescription medications more affordable and more accessible.

## About the United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg

Established in 1924, the United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg empowers individuals and addresses systemic problems to provide everyone with a clear path to success. The organization provides opportunities for those who care about their neighbors and the region's quality of life to give, volunteer and advocate for a better community. Learn more at yourunitedway.org.

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