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United Way Offers Project Blueprint

The United Way of Southern Chautauqua County is pleased to offer bring Project Blueprint to the community again this year. The initiative focuses on developing leadership for community organizations, promoting voluntarism on boards and committees of community organizations including the United Way and its member agencies, and local and county governments, with special emphasis on the increased representation of people of color.

During the months of April, May, and June, participants will attend seven 3-hour workshops, giving them a unique opportunity to acquire the skills to serve on boards and committees. Project Blueprint will include training, exposure, direction, mentoring and placement.

The program curriculum uses concise and relevant materials that will adequately prepare participants to confidently serve on boards and committees. Workshop topics will include:

- How boards operate, organizational management, parliamentary procedure, decision by consensus, board nominating
- Ethics and legal issues
- Board and staff partnership, problem solving, team building, effective communication
- Strategic planning, networking and fundraising
- Understanding a financial statement
- Attending an actual board meeting

Participants will gain a better understanding of community issues, explore their own leadership potential, learn the responsibilities of board membership, and meet others who share their interest in community service. Project Blueprint will also strengthen relationships between the community and local agencies by promoting partnerships and collaborations.

Project Blueprint is open to all Chautauqua County residents who are 16 or older and are interested in serving their community through involvement in civic organizations. There is no cost to participants. Anyone interested in taking part can receive an application by calling the United Way office at 483-1561. The application can also be downloaded from the United Way website at www.uwayscc.org and returned to the United Way of Southern Chautauqua County, 413 North Main Street, Jamestown, NY 14701.

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