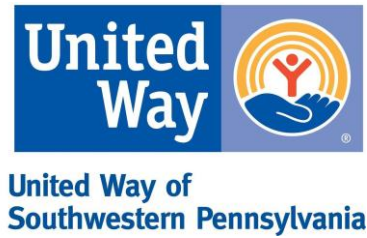


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United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania CFO honored with ‘Men of Excellence’ award
Len Hawkins recognized for dedication to community

Pittsburgh, Pa. (February 5, 2019) – United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania's Chief Financial Officer, Len Hawkins, was recognized as one of this year's New Pittsburgh Courier's 2019 Men of Excellence. The award, which will be given to Hawkins at a ceremony on Feb. 22, aims to celebrate African American men who encourage and inspire others through their leadership, achievements, and service to their communities.

Hawkins, a Pittsburgh native, has served as the CFO of United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania for nearly three years. In his role, he is responsible for assessing and evaluating the financial well-being of the organization, while taking both long-term and short-term goals into consideration. His leadership helped United Way earn a four-star rating from Charity Navigator for its eighth consecutive year last fall.

"I am honored to accept this award from the New Pittsburgh Courier. I am proud of our work at United Way," Hawkins explained. "I see every day the impact our organization has on our community, and to see our team, joined by corporate partners from across the region, make life-changing moments each and every day is something special."

Before joining United Way, Hawkins served as deputy budget director at the Office of Budget and Management for the City of Chicago. He also served as the director for Budget and Capital Finance at the Chicago Transit Authority. Before relocating to Chicago, Hawkins held various executive management roles at BB&T Bank and SunTrust Bank in the Southeast regions.

Through his dedication to United Way, Hawkins received this award for his ability to encourage others with his leadership and positively impact his community. His professional achievements and his commitment to doing good work throughout the region make him an excellent role model for the next generation of leaders. Hawkins will be honored on Feb. 22, at the Men of Excellence Awards Reception at the Fairmont Pittsburgh Hotel.

About United Way of Southwestern PA – United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania, serving Allegheny, Butler, Westmoreland, Fayette and Southern Armstrong counties, leads and mobilizes the caring power of individuals, the business community and organizations to help local people in need measurably improve their lives. United Way creates long-lasting change for the betterment of our community.

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