

**United Way of Calgary and Area
Announces Appointment of New President and CEO
Dr. Lucy Marie Miller**

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The Board of Directors of United Way of Calgary and Area is very pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Lucy Miller as its newest President and CEO. Poised to bring impressive ideas and enthusiasm to the organization, Dr. Miller also brings with her an extensive skill set, supported by her most recent position as Chief Superintendent of the Calgary Catholic School District, a position she has held since 2007.

In that capacity, she was responsible for 106 schools, over 47,000 students and a staff exceeding 5,000. Her academic qualifications, depth of administrative and leadership experience and, most important, her commitment to building relationships and positive engagement to better her community; make her an ideal leader for United Way.

“I am extremely happy to be invited to work with United Way. I’ve admired the work United Way has done in the community from afar and am ready to bring my own insights to the position, continuing their important work within our community,” Miller said.

Miller’s enthusiasm is mirrored by Nashir Samanani, Chair of United Way of Calgary and Area Board of Directors. “Dr. Miller’s experience speaks for itself and her reputation as an effective, engaged leader is well known. Her work with the school board has been collaborative, transparent and strategic. She is well known to United Way as a key advisor on our Council of Champions for Upstart, our children and youth initiative. We are very fortunate to have recruited such stellar leadership experience to United Way.”

Selecting a candidate to replace retiring CEO Ruth Ramsden-Wood was no easy task. A search committee established by the Board of Directors worked with the executive recruiting firm *Odgers Berndtson* to ensure a rigorous, professional and transparent national recruiting process. Drawing from feedback received through a public engagement survey and interviews with dozens of United Way stakeholders, the search drew many highly qualified candidates from across Canada.

Scott Thon, Chair of the Board Search Committee added, “We had big shoes to fill and we wanted to do it the right way. We are grateful for the pro bono professional assistance offered for our search and followed Odgers Berndtson’s direction when it came to community consultation. It made sense to listen to those who would be leaning on us the most. We are committed to maintaining the exceptional standards set by our previous CEO and, with Dr Miller, we are confident in our ability to do so.”

Dr. Miller will officially take her position early in 2012.

About United Way of Calgary and Area...

United Way's mission is to improve lives and build extraordinary communities by engaging individuals and mobilizing collective action. Through its own research and program design, and in partnership with others, United Way's goal is to change social conditions and create opportunities for a better life for individuals, families and communities in Calgary and surrounding area.

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