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Metro United Way Announces Unique Partnership with Facilities Management Services

Partnership will provide Financial Empowerment Programs and Tax Preparation Assistance for FMS employees across Kentucky and Southern Indiana

Louisville, KY - (February XX, 2018) – [Metro United Way](#) announced a unique new partnership today with Facilities Management Services (FMS) PBC (Public Benefit Corporation), Kentuckiana’s contract cleaning company. The partnership will be aimed at developing specific Financial Empowerment Programs and Tax Preparation Assistance for the 800+ FMS employees across Kentucky and Southern Indiana that can empower them to meet and/or work toward their financial goals.

“This partnership demonstrates the impact B-Corps can make when partnering with nonprofits like Metro United Way. It is also a testament to FMS’ commitment to our employees and our community by offering financial services to our team members while supporting Metro United Way’s ability to deliver these services along with their partners – the Louisville Asset Building Coalition (LABC) and Louisville Metro Community Services, Office of Financial Empowerment – to individuals who will benefit the most from them,” said Scott Koloms, President at FMS.

Metro United Way will provide the following programs to the workforce of FMS:

- **VITA Tax Preparation Assistance Program in conjunction with the LABC**

The VITA program helps ensure that low-to-moderate income individuals are getting all the tax credits for which they are eligible, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the child tax credit, and connecting filers to other financial asset building opportunities. LABC will operate a mobile VITA site at FMS during three separate days to meet the employees where they are and make it easier for them to access this free service.

Since its inception in 2001, the Louisville Asset Building Coalition has served over 105,000 tax filers, securing over \$156 million in federal and state tax refunds, of which \$61 million has been in the form of the EITC, and has saved tax filers an estimated \$21.7 million in tax preparation fees.

- **Financial Education through Bank On Louisville**

Financial empowerment workshops are available that address the following topics: Budgeting, Building Credit, Managing Debt, Financial Planning and Goal Setting, and Using Financial Products and Services.

Participants in this series of workshops have realized statistically significant gains in financial knowledge, confidence and behavior in areas such as saving regularly, reducing personal debt and maintaining or improving credit scores.

“Finding new ways to improve the lives of individuals and families in our community by uniting organizations with the expertise and resources needed to overcome seemingly intractable issues is at the heart of what Metro United Way represents,” said Metro United Way President and CEO Theresa Reno-Weber. “We are excited to begin this new partnership with FMS, a leader in Kentucky’s B-Corp movement, to positively impact the lives of their employees and the community around them; and are excited to explore similar partnerships with future B-Corps looking to do the same.”

About Facilities Management Services

Headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky with branch operations throughout Kentucky and Southern Indiana including New Albany, Shelbyville, Shepherdsville and Lexington, FMS has over 800 dedicated workers and 75 years of contract cleaning management experience. FMS embraces a mission-driven business model unique to the janitorial industry. FMS uses its resources to serve employees and the communities where they live by providing development opportunities, as well as access to cultural, social, and volunteer experiences, in order to build a manageable and supportive path towards individual growth and community engagement. FMS and FMS’ customers receive the benefits of a happier, more motivated and committed workforce and the gratification that accompanies contributing to the well-being of others. By successfully executing their mission, FMS continues to thrive as a viable, successful for-profit business—a Benefit-Corporation.

About Metro United Way

For more than 100 years, Metro United Way has been dedicated to improving lives in our community and that will never change. We are committed to reach our vision that everyone achieves their full potential, and we know that the ultimate measure of our success is in the ways we impact the quality of life for all of us. A community of connected people, all people, united and working together for the benefit of all is at the heart of what Metro United Way represents. We bring together the people and organizations who have the passion, expertise and resources needed to accomplish our goals and get things done. Together, we fight for the education, health and financial stability of every person in Bullitt, Jefferson, Oldham and Shelby counties in Kentucky and Clark, Floyd and Harrison counties in Indiana.

For more information, please visit www.metrounitedway.org or call 502-583-2821. We invite you to be a part of changing generations; you can give, advocate and volunteer. United We Fight! United We Win!

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