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## **United Bank Charity Classic 17-Year Fundraising Total Exceeds \$6 Million for Charities in Greater Washington**

**Washington, D.C.** — United Bank announced today that the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual United Bank Charity Classic raised \$187,000, bringing its 17-year fundraising total to over \$6,000,000. The golf tournament provides funding for Inova Kellar Center, an outpatient treatment center providing mental health services, substance use disorder treatment and special education services for children and their families in the metro area. Funds also benefit nonprofit initiatives in the areas of children, education, healthcare, affordable housing, economic vitality and financial literacy through the United Bank Community Fund.

"A commitment to our community is at the heart of United's culture, and it was inspiring to see so many employees and community partners come together to support the health of families in our area," said United Bank President Mike Fitzgerald. "We are proud to advance the life-changing work of Inova Kellar Center, as well as the charitable organizations across our region supported through the United Bank Community Fund."

"Partnerships such as the United Bank Charity Classic move communities toward better outcomes for children, regardless of socioeconomic status," said Inova Kellar Center Senior Director Rick Leichtweis, Ph.D. "Thanks to the generosity of United Bank and the event's supporters, we can better accommodate the growing need for our services throughout Northern Virginia and ensure families have access to a high level of care, especially when lacking the necessary financial resources."

Hundreds of volunteers, donors and business partners participated in the annual event at the Country Club of Fairfax, including the tournament's honorary chairman, Inova Health System President and CEO J. Stephen Jones, MD, MBA, FACS. After morning and afternoon rounds of golf, participants enjoyed a dinner reception with a live and silent auction.

"I was honored to work alongside United Bank to support Inova Kellar Center," said Dr. Jones. "The generosity of community members, business partners, customers and volunteers under United Bank's outstanding leadership made a tangible impact on this community."

Premier sponsors and donors included FIS; The John and Nina Toups Charitable Fund; Van Metre Companies Foundation; William A. Hazel, Inc.; Dewberry; Langley Park Plaza; and Peterson Companies.

"We are grateful for the generosity of our community friends, many of whom have supported this tradition for 17 years," United Bank Director of Sales & Regional President Kevin Reynolds remarked. "This tournament embodies United's core values of integrity, hard work, teamwork and caring. We are committed to our communities and are proud to give back in an impactful way to children and their families throughout the region."

## **About United Bank**

United Bank is a subsidiary of United Bankshares, Inc. (UBSI). UBSI has assets of approximately \$19.8 billion and 138 full-service banking offices and 16 loan origination offices located throughout Virginia; Washington, D.C.; Maryland; North Carolina; South Carolina; Ohio; Pennsylvania and West Virginia. For more information, visit BankWithUnited.com.

## **About Inova Kellar Center**

As a member of the community health division of Inova Health System, Inova Kellar Center shares a strong commitment to service excellence and care to the community, providing structured and individualized mental health, substance abuse and special education programs and services to children, adolescents and families. Through its integrated system of evaluation, treatment and continuing care, Inova Kellar Center is committed to working with primary care physicians, mental health professionals, schools and others to provide the highest quality of mental health and wellness care available to our community.

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(L-R): Inova Kellar Center Medical Director Sonia Thomas, MD; Inova Health System President & CEO Dr. J. Stephen Jones; United Bankshares, Inc. President Rick Adams; Inova Kellar Center Director Rick Leichtweis; United Bank Director of Sales & Regional President Kevin Reynolds (Photo: Sean Kelley Photography)