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Linnes Finney, Esq. Accepts United Way Award

FORT PIERCE, FL – At a recent meeting of the United Way of St. Lucie County Board of Directors, Linnes Finney, Esq., of the law firm of Gary, Williams, Finney, Lewis, Watson & Sperando, P.L., received the Chairman of the Board Award, the highest honor bestowed on an individual board member. The award was to acknowledge Mr. Finney's leadership and the role he played in the development of the first comprehensive assessment of the County's social, health, and public safety services. As Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee, Mr. Finney utilized extraordinary leadership skills through the development of a community task force that worked for almost a year on the comprehensive assessment. In recognition of this award, Mr. Finney was given a brass sextant, a navigational device historically used by mariners for celestial navigation, as a symbol of his leadership in guiding the project.

Mr. Finney led a team consisting of SRA Research Group, United Way staff, and representatives of numerous community agencies to gather much needed data which was used to make up the assessment. Contractors hired by the committee conducted a countywide telephone survey of residents and compiled existing data from public records on population, social, health and public safety. Other facets of the Assessment were focus groups among service providers, leaders of faith based organizations and business leaders, as well as an inventory of community services. The completed assessment will be used by not-for-profit, government and social groups to bring in additional grant dollars and will help to identify gaps in human services here in our community. It will also help to target the underserved areas to deliver key quality of life services to those in need in St. Lucie County.

United Way of St. Lucie County is celebrating 45 years of helping people and changing lives. For more information on how to become one of the thousands of people who volunteer and invest in the community, please call 772-464-5300 or visit our website at

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