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BRIAN A. GALLAGHER

On January 7, 2002, Brian Gallagher became President and CEO of United Way of America (UWA). He was hired to lead the United Way Movement through a transformation into the nation's premier champion focused on human need and potential. As the leader of UWA he will speak for the United Way movement, communities across the nation, and the uniqueness of American philanthropy.

A 20-year veteran of United Way, Gallagher most recently was the president of United Way of Central Ohio in Columbus, Ohio, the 16th largest United Way in the country with a \$51 million annual campaign with one of the highest per capita giving rates in the country. Under Gallagher's leadership, the United Way of Central Ohio redesigned itself from a fundraising federation to a collaborative community leadership organization focused on impacting the most pressing issues facing Central Ohio.

Prior to moving to Columbus in 1996, Gallagher spent nearly six years at the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta where he was executive vice president and chief operating officer for two years. Before that, he was group vice president handling all the resource development, marketing, community and area development activities for that 12-county United Way.

Gallagher was born in Chicago and grew up in Hobart, Indiana. He received his bachelor's degree in social work from Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana, in 1981 and a master's in business from Emory University in Atlanta in 1992.

Gallagher began his career with United Way immediately after college when he was selected by United Way of America as a management trainee and spent nine months in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He then became assistant campaign director at the Winston-Salem United Way for two years.

In 1984 he moved to the United Way of Berks County, Reading, Pennsylvania, as associate executive director of resource development. In 1987, he was named senior vice president of donor services at the United Way of Southeastern New England in Providence, Rhode Island.

Gallagher and his wife, Ramona, have two daughters, Katie, 13, and Maggie, 8. Ramona Pearson Gallagher is the daughter of William and Jesse Pearson of Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

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