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The Volunteer Center of United Way of Western CT Honors Tim Brown, President and CEO of Nestlé Waters North America, at Annual Heart of Gold Event

Westhill High School senior Rachel Katz is the recipient of this year's scholarship

STAMFORD, Conn. (April 1, 2014) – The Volunteer Center of United Way of Western Connecticut will host its annual Heart of Gold Award Dinner on Wednesday, April 9th at the Stamford Marriott from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. The Volunteer Center will honor Tim Brown, President and CEO of Nestlé Waters North America. Geoff Colvin, Senior Editor-at-Large of *Fortune Magazine* and Author of *Talent is Overrated*, will be this year's Emcee for the dinner event.

Tim Brown has been selected as this year's Heart of Gold recipient for the many ways in which Nestlé Waters and its employees make an impact on our community through volunteerism. Under his leadership, Nestlé Waters North America has distinguished itself as a company determined to promote and encourage the spirit of volunteerism. Nestlé Waters North America has:

- a month dedicated to employee volunteerism;
- established an internal Volunteer Coordinator Group – a group of employee volunteer coordinators from NWA plants and offices across the country who convene in Stamford to learn and share best practices;
- regular non-profit agency fairs on campus that showcase the work of Stamford non-profits;
- a sophisticated internal volunteer portal which is user-friendly and effective;
- employees serving on multiple non-profit boards across the community;
- employees volunteering on a regular basis at non-profits across Stamford as readers, tutors and mentors.

“We are honored to receive the Heart of Gold Award from The Volunteer Center,” said Tim Brown, President and CEO of Nestlé Waters North America. “At Nestlé Waters, we pride ourselves on creating an employee culture that encourages volunteerism in a community about which we care deeply. Stamford's remarkable non-profit community supports the most vulnerable in this City and we are committed to assisting them in fulfilling their important missions by sharing our employee talents and energy.”

The Heart of Gold Award was established by The Volunteer Center in 1995 to recognize and encourage business leaders of today and tomorrow to build employee volunteerism into their strategic business plans. The Volunteer Center of United Way of Western Connecticut is committed to celebrating the importance of business leadership in building healthy communities through volunteerism.

Roberta K. Eichler Heart of Gold Scholarship

The Volunteer Center of United Way of Western Connecticut is proud to award its 2014 Heart of Gold Scholarship to Rachel Katz, a compassionate and accomplished student at Westhill High School in Stamford. The \$5,000 scholarship is awarded annually to support the continuing education of an

outstanding local student volunteer. Rachel's commitment to volunteerism has truly made a meaningful difference in our community and thereby distinguished her as the 2014 scholarship recipient.

Throughout high school, Rachel distinguished herself as an exceptional volunteer. As a youth basketball coach, a mentor to children with severe special needs, and a long-time "friend" to a young woman with developmental disabilities, Rachel has spent countless hours giving of her time and spirit to youth in our community.

Rachel is a leader. As chapter president of the Stamford B'nai Brith Youth organization and captain of the Westhill Lacrosse Team, it is clear that Rachel's competence and kindness has earned her the respect of her peers. Paula Snyder, Rachel's Chapter Advisor for the B'nai Brith Youth Organization, captured perfectly the reason why we selected Rachel to be this year's Heart of Gold Scholarship recipient: "She gives her time and energy freely and puts her heart behind her actions."

Rachel will attend Duke University in the fall.

The Volunteer Center of United Way of Western Connecticut seeks nominations for its annual scholarship from local schools, nonprofit organizations, religious institutions and businesses. Its Scholarship Selection Committee reviews and evaluates all nominations based on, among other factors, the nominee's commitment to volunteerism, leadership skills and a personal letter. Past recipients of the scholarship have gone on to study at Harvard University, Bucknell University, University of North Carolina and Loyola Marymount University.

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