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## United Way of the Big Bend announces addition of Capital Medical Society Foundation's *We Care Network*

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla., July 19, 2013** – United Way of the Big Bend (UWBB) is pleased to announce the addition of a new certified partner agency in Leon County – Capital Medical Society Foundation's *We Care Network*.

The *We Care Network* was created in 1992 by Capital Medical Society physicians. Their goal is to provide a safety net to those low-income, uninsured patients most in need in our community through donation of specialty medical care and dental care.

Today, more than 300 volunteer physicians provide donated specialty medical care, and over 40 dentists provide dental care, to low-income, uninsured residents of Leon, Gadsden, Jefferson, and Wakulla Counties. In addition to their volunteer physicians and dentists, all four hospitals participate, along with most ancillary providers in our community, including imaging services, home health care, and durable medical equipment. Since its inception, the *We Care Network* has donated over \$47 million in medical and dental care and over \$5 million in 2012.

"The United Way of the Big Bend's recognition of our *We Care Network* as a certified agency in Leon County will allow us to continue to enhance our case management services to help low income, uninsured adults gain access to necessary services and navigate our changing health care system", said Dr. John Mahoney, President of the Capital Medical Society Foundation. "We are grateful for the support of the entire community as we continue to focus on our mission to increase access to health care."

"The *We Care Network* has been a certified agency member in Wakulla County since 2006, receiving over \$10,000 in funding to support their efforts in Wakulla County. Adding them to our certified agency partner list in Leon County was a natural move and allows us to help provide access to critical medical care to a population that would not have access otherwise," said Heather Mitchell, President of United Way of the Big Bend.

"The Capital Medical Society Foundation's *We Care Network* has been a vitally important part of the safety net for low-income, uninsured medical and dental patients in our community for many years. I am delighted *We Care* is now formally affiliated with United Way of the Big Bend in Leon County which will only strengthen their capacity to help people in need in our area in the future," said John Hogan, Executive Director of Capital Health Plan.

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