



TIM RYAN, Mayor

Board of County Commissioners District 7
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Dear Mayor,

The United Way of Broward County's Mayors' Gala has quickly become one of the finest events in our community, bringing together mayors, commissioners and city officials from across the county to join community business leaders and raise much-needed dollars. Those of you who attended last year's event know it was a beautiful evening and a great success, raising more than \$150,000 for our neighbors in need. I'm excited to announce that the 2015 Mayors' Gala will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2015 at the Greater Ft. Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center.

This year's Mayors' Gala will align with the organization's MISSION UNITED initiative, which focuses on assisting Broward veterans as they re-acclimate to civilian life. To honor our local service men and women, the Mayor's Gala will include a **"Celebration of Service."** *To ensure your city is represented, I am asking each of you to submit an honoree who is military veteran of any branch and from any war.* The guidelines for nominations are open to interpretation and up to your discretion. Along with United Way of Broward County, I am excited to recognize the person(s) in your community who has demonstrated bravery and dedication through his or her service to our country. We encourage your residents to participate as well, so please feel free to put this on your city website, social media and at your community events and / or commission meetings. Attached is the nomination form. If you have any questions regarding the form or the Mayors' Gala in general, please call David Esposito at (954) 453-3725. All nomination forms must be received by Friday, August 21, 2015. Each honoree that is selected by our committee is expected to attend the Mayor's Gala, as he or she will be recognized during the event.

I look forward to joining forces with United Way of Broward County, an organization that champions the underserved and works to maintain a vibrant, striving community. With your support, the funds generated through the Mayors' Gala can change lives through programs such as MISSION UNITED, ReadingPals (one-on-one child mentoring) and Center for Working Families (helping families to earn, keep and grow their assets) among many, many others.

United Way of Broward County has created a special city price for a table of ten plus a full page ad for only \$1,750, which will also be host to your Veteran honoree and their guest. Please join myself and United Way of Broward County on Saturday, October 24, 2015 as we join forces to raise crucial finds and honor local veterans for their contributions and sacrifices for our country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Ryan".

Tim Ryan
Mayor, Broward County
Commission District 7