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United Way of Alamance County Announces Shereá D. Burnett, J.D., VSP as New President

BURLINGTON, NC – October 30, 2025 – The United Way of Alamance County is thrilled to announce the appointment of Shereá D. Burnett, J.D., VSP, as its new President, effective November 3, 2025. After a comprehensive search process, the Board of Directors unanimously selected Burnett to lead the organization in its mission to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of the community.

"Shereá's vision, experience, and deep connection to Alamance County make her the ideal leader to advance our mission," said Patrick Noltemeyer, Board Chair of United Way of Alamance County. "Her commitment to ensuring that those most affected by poverty have a voice in shaping our strategies and solutions aligns perfectly with our organization's evolving priorities."

Burnett brings extensive nonprofit leadership experience and a proven track record in systems change work and community engagement. Most recently serving as Executive Director of Partners Ending Homelessness in Guilford County, she demonstrated exceptional success in fundraising, securing over \$775,000 in grants over two years, and building collaborative partnerships across sectors and counties.

"I am honored to join United Way of Alamance County and return to the community that raised me," said Burnett. "I have witnessed firsthand the pressing challenges faced by so many of our community members and the agencies that are working to assist them. I am inspired by United Way's commitment to creating equitable, lasting change. Together, we will ensure that our work is truly community-driven and addresses the root causes of poverty."

A native of Alamance County with over 35 years of connection to the area, Burnett has served the community in multiple capacities, including her previous role as Director of Housing Services at Family Abuse Services of Alamance County. Her hands-on experience includes facilitating programs and initiatives that support marginalized populations, serving meals at Allied Churches, and coordinating community collection

campaigns benefiting Alamance-Burlington School System, Benevolence Farm, Sustainable Alamance, and the Southern Alamance Family Empowerment (S.A.F.E.) Food Pantries.

Burnett, a citizen of the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation, holds a Juris Doctor from Elon University School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Afro-American Studies with a minor in Social and Economic Justice from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She serves as an Adjunct Professor at Greensboro College and is a member of the Burlington Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

Her vision for United Way centers on a multi-phase approach that includes community listening and learning, system mapping and network analysis, and reimagining grantmaking for systems impact. This approach emphasizes equity, partnership, and accountability while ensuring that decisions reflect the lived realities of those most affected by poverty.

"Sherea's leadership will help us build on our strong foundation while advancing innovative, community-driven solutions," added Noltemeyer. "We are confident that her expertise in strategic planning, fundraising, program development, and community convening will strengthen United Way's impact throughout Alamance County."

Between now and her official start date, Burnett will be meeting with staff and board members to ensure a smooth transition. Community partners and stakeholders will have opportunities to meet with her in the coming months.

About United Way of Alamance County

United Way of Alamance County improves lives by mobilizing the caring power of the community to advance the common good. Through strategic grantmaking, community convening, and collaborative partnerships, United Way addresses the root causes of poverty and creates pathways to opportunity for all residents of Alamance County. For more information, visit <https://www.uwalamance.org/> or follow us on [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#).