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United Way honors community partners at awards breakfast

MONTVILLE — United Way of Southeastern Connecticut gave awards to about 40 of its community partners, from businesses and nonprofit organizations to area schools and municipalities Wednesday morning at a breakfast to celebrate the conclusion of its 2014 fundraising campaign, which generated more than \$5.7 million.

Campaign co-chairmen Brian Orenstein, president and chief executive officer of Charter Oak Federal Credit Union, and Wayne Burgess, president of the Southeastern Connecticut Central Labor Council, invited honorees onto stage at the Cabaret at Mohegan Sun Casino to receive their Chairman's Awards. Each recipient placed a block on the stage to build a wall that displayed United Way's fundraising total of \$5,791,303, as well as the names of the many programs and initiatives funded by the money.

Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation Chairman Rodney Butler called award recipients to the stage and highlighted why each was chosen to be honored.

Norwich Public Schools received the School Partner of the Year award, and Norwich teacher Cindy Beauregard received the New School Coordinator of the Year award.

Nancy Cowser of United Community and Family Services received the Agency Coordinator of the Year award, and Norwich Public Utilities took home Heart of the Community honors.

Other regional honorees included Connecticut College, Pfizer, Charter Oak Federal Credit Union, Chelsea Groton Bank, Dime Bank, General Dynamics-Electric Boat, The Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and Foxwoods Resort Casino. Mohegan Sun, this year's host, won the Chairman's Award of Excellence.



Norwich Public Schools Superintendent Abby Dolliver, left, is joined by Norwich teachers on stage to receive United Way's School Partner of the Year award Wednesday at Mohegan Sun. Ryan Blessing/ NorwichBulletin.com

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