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United Way CEO Tony Penn Joins the Board of the Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce

The Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors is pleased to announce the selection of Tony Penn as a new member of the board. Tony is president and CEO of United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona (UWTSA).

Prior to joining UWTSA, Mr. Penn served as the Chief Development Officer of the YMCA of Greater San Antonio where was responsible for several new multimillion dollar capital projects and helped to more than double their annual campaign. He has also held positions in the for-profit sector, including a 23+ year career, with Teradyne/GenRad Corporation where he advanced to the position of regional manager. He is also an Air Force veteran.

Mr. Penn is a recent graduate of the University of Arizona's Eller College of Management Southwest Leadership Program. He is also a graduate of the University of Texas at San Antonio, College of Public Policy in Non Profit Management and the Harvard Business School Executive Education program in Governing for Non Profit Excellence. He has served on the boards of many community and civic organizations and received several awards for his distinguished service.

"We are very pleased to have a person with the leadership abilities and passion for the local community that Tony brings to our board," says TMCC Board Chairman Wendell Long. "His energy and focus on improving our community are evident. I look forward to continuing our effort to promote a strong local economy with Tony on the team."

"Tony is an accomplished and respected community leader. He also brings an important non-profit perspective to the leadership of the Tucson Metro Chamber," adds Chamber President & CEO Mike Varney.

Mr. Penn was confirmed at the July 18, 2011 TMCC Board meeting to fill the position vacated by Joe Atamian of Comcast who moved to Texas.

About Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce

The mission of the Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce is to promote a strong local economy. TMCC is a membership-based business advocacy and networking organization that represents more than 1,400 businesses, employing more than 125,000 employees in the greater Tucson area. Small business makes up approximately 90 percent of Chamber membership, which mirrors the overall Tucson area business community.

When business is good, life is good.