

To Whom It May Concern

The United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona's mission is to "build a better community by uniting people, resources and ideas." We work through a collective impact model in the areas of Education, Income and Health with strategies and resources to change community conditions for children, youth and families. As the Senior Vice President for Community Development, I am writing to support the proposed transaction between Comcast and Time Warner Cable.

Comcast has been a true community leader and supporter of United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona and our partner agencies. Through significant funding used in matching our Diamond Challenge Fund for First Focus on Kids, we were able to help more children to become eager to learn and ready to succeed in Kindergarten and in life through increasing the quality of their child care experiences, supporting parents to better guide child development, and support professional development of early educators.

In Arizona and across the country, Comcast is helping to narrow the Digital Divide by providing low-cost, high-speed broadband service to underserved children and families. I understand that the program — Internet Essentials — has already benefitted more than 1.4 million Americans.

Additionally, Comcast created a PSA for our United Way that was shared with thousands of customers to increase knowledge about the importance of early care and education

Here in Tucson, residents can register for in-person training, provided by Comcast and housed at community-based locations. These free sessions provide information on Internet safety, finding and applying for jobs, and an introduction to Microsoft Office software. The best part is that everyone is eligible — participants do not have to be Comcast customers to take advantage of Internet Essentials.

United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona is grateful for Comcast Campaign that inspires nearly 100% of Comcast employees to donate to United Way. These employee contributions are matched by Comcast's corporate office, doubling the impact of the gift that is used to fund partner agencies in the community to provide needed services for children and families.

To expand the reach of Comcast's community contribution in Arizona and elsewhere, I encourage the FCC to approve the proposed transaction between Comcast and Time Warner Cable.

Sincerely,

LaVonne Douville,
Senior Vice President Community Development