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**Capstone Health Alliance receives the Spirit of North Carolina from the United Way of North Carolina**

*Fletcher, North Carolina, March 3, 2021* – Capstone Health Alliance has been awarded with the esteemed Spirit of North Carolina Award from United Way of North Carolina. The virtual awards ceremony was held on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.

The Spirit of North Carolina award is given by United Way organizations across North Carolina. The awarded companies have not only demonstrated excellence in their United Way campaign but are also building a philanthropic culture community-wide. In addition to campaign participation and employee donations, winning organizations received high marks for their volunteer culture, including collaborative work with United Way as well as other organizations in the community.

Capstone Health Alliance was nominated for the award by the United Way of Asheville and Buncombe County and has supported the organization for more than a decade. The support comes through employee donations, participation on United Way committees, employee volunteer projects and leading the support of the annual holiday book drive. Capstone Health Alliance increased support of the United Way in 2020 when the community needed it most. Sara Morrison, Resource Development Manager with the United Way of Asheville and Buncombe County said “March 2<sup>nd</sup> was Read Across America, and because of Capstone’s support and sponsorship of our Holiday Book Drive, Asheville and Buncombe County’s children were able to have new books to read. We could not be more thankful to Tim Bugg, his exceptional leadership and all the staff at Capstone!”

Tim Bugg, Capstone Health Alliance President and CEO said “We are humbled to accept this prestigious award and are grateful for the work United Way of Asheville and Buncombe County has done and continues to do in our community.”

**About Capstone Health Alliance**

Capstone Health Alliance is a group purchasing alliance of healthcare and non-healthcare members that delivers cost savings through the power of aggregation and collaboration. Based in Fletcher, North Carolina, Capstone’s membership includes 300 Hospitals representing more than 140 Health Systems across 23 States and represents over \$10 billion in acute care supply chain spend. Beyond healthcare, Capstone also represents over 25,000 non-acute and business & industry members. Capstone delivers quantifiable savings and actionable data that enable better purchasing decisions for our members. In addition to cost savings initiatives, Capstone members collaborate to share best practices all with the intent of improving cost, quality, and outcomes.

**About United Way of Asheville and Buncombe County**

United Way of Asheville and Buncombe County’s primary goal is to create a united and resilient community where everyone belongs and everyone thrives. To achieve this, we mobilize and support a diverse network of people, partners, and resources to co-create opportunities for every person in our community to live free from poverty and injustice. In order to create lasting systemic change that improves the opportunities for future generations, we’re committed to working with community partners to do what no one organization can do alone.

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