UWSBC presented its 2019 Legacy Supporter of the Year Award to Maryan Schall, who began her relationship with United Way of Santa Barbara County soon after moving to the community with her husband Dick in 1989. Maryan Schall earned two masters and a doctorate in various areas of communication and became a consultant specializing in women in the workplace. Dick Schall had a distinguished business career. “When United Way made the shift to not only funding other charities, but also providing direct, life-changing, research-based services to children and adults, the fit between the Schalls and United Way became stronger, particularly around their common interest in early childhood education, particularly for Maryan,” said Diane Doiron, UWSBC planned giving committee chair, while introducing Maryan.

Following Dick’s death in 2015, Maryan increased her engagement with UWSBC, which included joining the Board of Directors and becoming a founding member of Women United. Dick and Maryan Schall made plans to include UWSBC in their estate plans years ago.

UWSBC also presented its 2018 Legacy Supporter of the Year Award to Earl Damitz, who was unable to attend last year’s ceremony. A retired expert on the tax economics of charitable giving and long-range financial planning, Damitz is UWSBC’s founding planned giving committee chair and has been committed to United Way’s mission since 1953.

Damitz and his wife Merrilyn are three-time Heritage Club donors, having committed gifts both personally and through Damitz, Brooks, Nightingale, Turner & Morrisset.

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Today United Way also provides direct life-changing research-based services to 25,000 children and adults annually. UWSBC strives to address local needs like literacy. 59% of 3rd graders in Santa Barbara County read below grade level.

Reading deficits are at all socioeconomic levels and contribute to high dropout rates, absenteeism and low achievement.

United Way donors make the critical difference for children and families to begin building better futures. 

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United for Literacy’s multi-pronged strategy improves reading abilities every day, creating a community of life-long readers prepared for success. Over 7,000 students improve reading skills daily. Many students move from below grade level reading to above grade level reading in a single school year or summer. 13,000 books are distributed annually to toddlers with limited access to age appropriate books. Annually, 200 children with no preschool experience learn pre-reading and classroom skills.

Multi-pronged solutions to big issues like literacy require financial stability.

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