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Congratulations to United Way of Pioneer Valley on reaching its 100th anniversary. The communities you have served have benefited greatly due to your dedication and hard work. During the height of the pandemic United Way remained true to its mission with continued efforts to mobilize people and resources to help strengthen our communities. Last year United Way of Pioneer Valley provided services to help feed families by distributing more than 30 thousand pounds of food at the Chicopee Cupboard. Its 211 Call2Talk service took more than 2000 emotional support and suicide prevention hotline calls and nearly 1600 backpacks full of school supplies were given to students in need through the “Stuff the Bus” program. This is truly a testament to this organization’s great work.

Baystate Health is deeply honored and grateful to have been chosen as a long-time valuable contributor to United Way of Pioneer Valley. Our employees have a strong history of supporting United Way of Pioneer Valley, Franklin County and Hampshire County through United Way employee campaigns. We believe that our mission, to improve the health of the people in our communities every day, with quality and compassion, compliments the work of the United Way. Together, we improve lives; we mobilize the caring power of the communities to advance the common good.

United Way of Pioneer Valley and its agencies have worked tirelessly to support basic needs like housing, food and fuel assistance throughout our communities. In addition, there has been a focus on education to help kids stay in school by providing mentorship programs all of which are building blocks for a good quality of life.

Thank you for allowing Baystate Health to be a part of this centennial celebration. On behalf of Dr. Mark Keroack, our President and CEO and our community volunteer Board of Trustees, Baystate Health is honored to accept this recognition and to support all the agencies under the umbrella of the United Way that impact the lives of our neighbors every day. Wishing you many more years of success.