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## United Way of King County chief Jon Fine will retire after 18 years

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Jon Fine, 64, will retire as president and CEO of United Way of King County after 18 years at the helm.

Fine, who informed the board of directors' executive committee late Wednesday afternoon, is credited with making UWKC one of the leading branches in the organization's network.

"It was a tough decision because I love United Way and I so enjoy my work. But life is finite and it feels like the right time," Fine told the Business Journal.

Fine will remain as CEO until a replacement is found. The search committee will be chaired by board member and Key Bank Pacific Region Executive and Market President Carol Nelson.

Since he joined United Way of King County in 2000, he transformed the organization from an almost 100 percent workplace giving model to one which offers more individual opportunities for involvement. Fine oversaw the organization's relocation in 2002 after the former building was damaged in a 2001 earthquake.

He established the Gates Challenge Endowment, which enabled 94 cents of every dollar to be allocated to programs and services, and increased the number of volunteers.

"The hallmark of Jon's tenure has been a laser focus on accountability and results," United Way Board Chair Brian McAndrews said in a statement. "Take what United Way is doing to help students graduate, as an example. It starts before kids even enter kindergarten, with the Parent-Child Home Program, a home visiting program that serves more than 1,300 families annually."

United Way recently started a homelessness prevention program in partnership with the Seattle Mariners and the King County Bar Association called Home Base.

"It's an eviction prevention program, launching in a big way in March," Fine said. "Right now too many people are evicted onto the streets unnecessarily. This program will help those with temporary setbacks to stay in their homes or apartments, or if they have to move, do it in a way that is seamless for them."

Fine intends to do more traveling, have more family time, stay on some boards and do some consulting, staying active in community.

"I will always be a supporter of United Way," Fine said. "I will forever treasure the opportunity I have had to partner with such outstanding volunteers, donors, staff, agencies and businesses to do such interesting and meaningful work."



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President and CEO of United Way of King County Jon Fine, 64, will retire after a national search identifies a successor.

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