Judith M. Davis Volunteer of the Year Award

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Judith M. Davis was Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer for BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina and its Companion Companies. Judy served the community for many years and in a number of capacities, including as a board member for Engenuity SC, SC Launch, United Way of the Midlands, Central Carolina Community Foundation, Columbia College and Palmetto Conservation Foundation. She chaired the boards of the United Way of the Midlands, South Carolina Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, the Central Carolina Community Foundation and Trinity Housing Corporation of Columbia. In 2006, she chaired the United Way campaign that raised $9.5 million. She was a charter member of United Way’s Legacy Society and a Tocqueville Society member.

Judy was particularly interested in mentoring and developing talented, creative young professionals and encouraging them to get involved in serving the Midlands. Judy possessed both sharp business acumen and a passion for serving others, which combined has created lasting change in the community. It is with this spirit in mind that the Judith M. Davis Volunteer of the Year Award has been created.

This award will provide tuition and travel expenses for a current YLS donor employed in the private sector to attend a Harvard University Leadership Development course in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The winner will be selected based on a demonstrated commitment to community service and a desire for professional development. Qualifications include a minimum of 50 hours of community service in the last year, at least one year of nonprofit volunteer board or committee service, and must be currently employed with a for-profit organization.

Applications must be submitted online no later than Friday, December 10, 2021. The selection committee will include representatives from BCBSSC, United Way of the Midlands Board of Directors, the Young Leaders Society and Judy’s family. The award recipient will be announced at the Humanitarian of the Year gala in February 2022.

Applicants must:

• Be an active United Way of the Midlands Young Leaders Society donor.
• Have volunteered at least 50 hours of community service in the past year.
• Have at least one year of nonprofit board or committee experience.
• Currently employed at a for-profit corporation.
• Write an essay of up to 500 words that talks about an issue facing the Midlands that the nominee is passionate about. Explain what the nominee has done to fight for this issue and how this program would help him or her fight for it in the future.