Juana Slade, the director of diversity and language services at AnMed Health in Anderson, has been named chairwoman of the United Way National Women’s Leadership Council. The council provides leadership to 120 local women’s leadership groups across the country with a collective 50,000 members.

Slade served as chair of the Board of Directors for United Way of Anderson County from 2007-2009. She also has served as vice chair of the Women’s Leadership Council of United Way of Anderson County and is a founding member of the African American Leadership Council of United Way of Anderson County.

Today, there are nearly 50,000 United Way Women’s Leadership Council members in 120 communities across the nation. Collectively, WLCs have raised $700 million and are on track to raise $1 billion by 2013.

“Each member is a woman who is committed to her community and doing what she can to give, advocate and volunteer” Slade said. “Nationally we are quickly becoming a very powerful force. United Way believes in the power of women, and women believe in the power of United Way. United Way is the organization that is taking on the tough challenges in our communities, our nation and our world. And women are right there in the center of the action through Women’s Leadership Councils. Women’s Leadership is setting the example for our movement and the nation.”

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