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United Way of Southeast Louisiana Presents David Fennelly with Highest Award *Chair of Associated Terminals and Turn Services Surprises with Million Dollar Gift*

(New Orleans) Tonight United Way of Southeast Louisiana (UWSELA) proudly presented its 2015 Alexis de Tocqueville Award to entrepreneur and philanthropist, David Fennelly, Chair of Associated Terminals and Turn Services. Fennelly is a self-made man who is well known and well respected within the maritime community and by the nonprofits he supports.

Each year, the Tocqueville Society, comprised of philanthropic leaders who donate a minimum of \$10,000 annually to United Way, presents its highest award for exemplary leadership in volunteerism and philanthropy. Fennelly is a tireless champion for children and families.

UWSELA President and CEO Michael Williamson said, "David Fennelly's extraordinary gift is an investment in our future where we envision all children and families have access to a great education, quality, affordable healthcare and equitable access to economic opportunity so that no one in southeast Louisiana, lives in poverty. "

Fennelly's charitable service includes membership on numerous boards of directors of business associations as well as organizations focused on bringing about lasting change in the lives of our community's most vulnerable citizens. Fennelly takes a personal interest in the individuals impacted by his support and leads by example to create a better community for all.

Earlier this year, Fennelly presided over the national 'grand launch' of United Way's Club Connect. The ground-breaking program provides elementary schools most in need of improving early grade reading with books and online resources to promote reading and parent engagement throughout the entire year. Fennelly is sponsoring Club Connect in four schools in Jefferson, Orleans and St. Bernard parishes.

The Associated Terminals and Turn Services Group of companies have grown into one of the premier providers of marine services in the Gulf South Region, with its primary concentration being the Lower Mississippi River from the mouth of the river up to and including Baton Rouge.

Fennelly's companies provide maritime services including stevedoring, logistics, terminal and port operations, push boats, fleeting and barge related services. They employ over eight hundred and fifty employees. Annually, they trans-load over twenty million tons of cargo, as well as transport and fleet tens of thousands of barge loads of cargo for customers across the United States and the world.

Born in Boston, Massachusetts to Irish immigrants, Fennelly's parents decided to return to their homeland of Ireland shortly after his first birthday. Fennelly developed a keen interest in horses and farm life. At 21 he returned to the US to work for the world renowned Spendthrift Farm in Lexington, Kentucky. One of David's clients offered him a job that brought him to New Orleans to learn about the loading and unloading of ocean going vessels. To make a long story short, he never left. And, southeast Louisiana is better for it!

Fennelly still has a great love of horses—he owns the Summergrove Farm in Folsom, home polo field for the New Orleans Polo Club. David opens his farm to many charitable organizations for special events throughout the year.