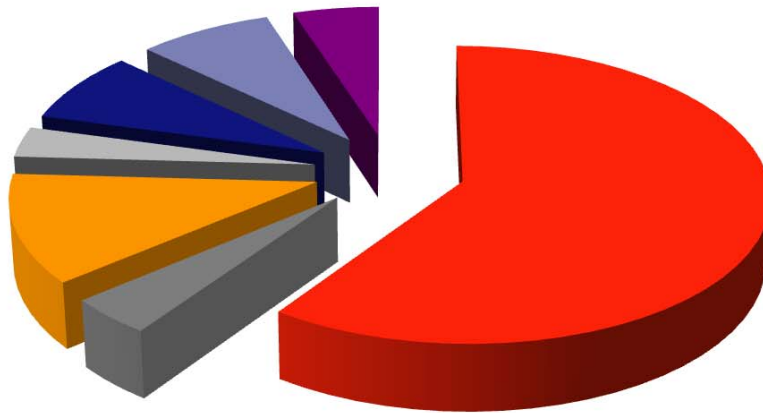




2009-10
Program Allocations,
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United Way
of Greater Stark County

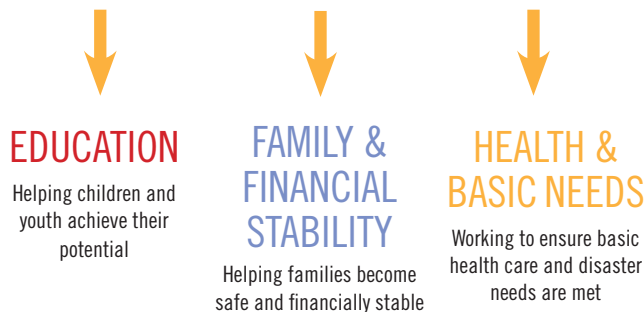
How your 2008 United Way gift is distributed in the community to help others



- Program Allocations
\$4,820,482
- Strategic Initiatives
\$335,000
- United Way Direct Services
\$953,568
- Designated Pledges
\$270,000
- United Way Administration
\$628,569
- United Way Fundraising
Expense \$640,309
- Projected Pledge Losses
\$407,000

ADVANCING THE COMMON GOOD

Creating opportunities for all by focusing on the BUILDING BLOCKS of a good life:



United Way of Greater Stark County is working to advance the common good by focusing on EDUCATION, FAMILY & FINANCIAL STABILITY and HEALTH & BASIC NEEDS.

These are the BUILDING BLOCKS for a good life—a quality education that leads to a stable job, enough income to support a family through retirement, a safe place to live and good health. United Way’s goal is to create long-lasting change with measureable results that prevent problems from happening in the first place.

Together, united, we can inspire hope and create opportunities for a better tomorrow.

IMPACT MEASUREMENT AREAS

<p>Early Education & Care*</p> <p>Graduation & Training*</p> <p>Avoiding Risky Behavior Among Youth</p>	<p>Family Stability*</p> <p>Economic Independence</p>	<p>Emergency & Disaster Services</p> <p>Seniors & Disabled</p> <p>Access to Health Care</p>
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*Community-driven priority areas to get at the root causes of challenges in greater Stark County

GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.
LIVE UNITED. 

2009-2011 Program Allocations

United Way invests in 107 programs at 40 service providers/agencies that focus on the BUILDING BLOCKS for a good life here in Stark County.

EDUCATION

Early Education & Care

Stark County Autism Awareness Network <i>Program is designed to facilitate parents and professionals to change diagnosis, treatment and public perception of children's autism.</i>	ARC of Stark County	4,000
Child Care <i>Provides a traditional preschool program for 2,3,4, and 5 year olds as well as traditional, year round, child care for children 18 months through 5 years of age.</i>	Canton Jewish Community Center	50,000
Early Childhood Services <i>Provides mental health treatment and consultation to children birth to age 8 and their families; specialized programs and agency support is provided.</i>	Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health	83,000
Speech, Language and Audiology <i>Provides evaluation, identification, remediation, and referrals for individuals with speech and hearing impairments. 90% of the client base are children 0-8 years of age.</i>	Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland & East Central Ohio	50,000
Child Care <i>Provides quality and affordable child care for children and families at risk.</i>	Interfaith Child Development Center	50,000
Child Care and Family Center <i>Provides childcare and family support services to low-income families.</i>	J. R. Coleman Outreach Services	144,015
SPARK Alliance <i>A school-readiness program for children 3-4 years of age in the Alliance City School District who may have developmental needs or learning barriers. Enrichment activities are provided to promote school success.</i>	Early Childhood Education Alliance, Inc.	46,075
Childhood Resiliency Project <i>Provides a wellness program for at-risk 2-6 year olds; positive behavior, skill building and resiliency, alcohol and drug abuse prevention, and mental health issues are targeted areas of education.</i>	Stark Mental Health and Recovery Services Board	18,192
Preschool <i>Provides a year round preschool child care program for low-income and single parents.</i>	YMCA - Central – Minerva	8,000
Canton Preschool Childcare Center <i>Provides quality, educational and affordable year round child care for children age 6 weeks through 10 years of age for residents in the southeast quadrant of Canton City.</i>	YWCA of Canton	130,150
Early Childhood Learning Center <i>Provides quality year round affordable and convenient child care for families in the Greater Stark County area, serving children aged 6 weeks through 10 years of age.</i>	YWCA of Canton	253,820
Child Development Center <i>Provides education services and support to local families in Western Stark County. Services include educational childcare and supervised visitation for families under stress.</i>	YWCA of Western Stark County	24,500

Graduation & Training

Social Services Support and Program Coordinator <i>Provides comprehensive intervention services to at-risk youth to remove barriers to learning in the areas of social, emotional and academic development.</i>	AHEAD Foundation, Inc.	40,000
Peer Advocate Program <i>Provides mental health treatment and consultation for children birth to age 8 and their families: successful and proven evidence based treatment therapies are incorporated.</i>	Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health	17,000

Mediation Service <i>Referred by law enforcement agencies and other social services at-risk youth and their families are engaged in mediation services to help with absenteeism, unruly behavior, domestic violence, abuse and neglect.</i>	Community Mediation Center of Stark County	38,400
Pyramid Training Club – Youth <i>Provides skills training and mentoring for at-risk high school juniors and seniors (youth ages 16 to 21) to complete high-school, obtain basic employability skills and connect to appropriate post secondary options/training.</i>	Community Services of Stark County	29,465
Minnie Hopkins Scholars Program <i>Program is designed to increase the high school and college graduation rate of urban students with limited income by working with children starting in the 6th grade and following them through college enrollment.</i>	Heartbeats in the City, Inc.	40,000
Positive Achievers Structuring Success-PASS <i>Helps foster children ages 14 to 19 understand they can attend training after high school in either a college, university, technical school or other post secondary school educational environment.</i>	Pathway Caring for Children	15,000
College Connector at Timken High School <i>College Connector program provides one-to-one support to first generation, low income students education and support to apply to college: Financial aid, math remediation and ACT test taking are areas of focus.</i>	Stark Education Partnership	38,920
Focus on African American Males in Education (FAME) <i>Promotes success and increased access to postsecondary education for African American males; college courses are offered to the enrolled students to encourage graduation.</i>	Stark State College of Technology	52,449
Family Involvement Coordinator Alliance City Schools <i>A comprehensive plan to aid at-risk children, PK-8, succeed in school through family and school involvement.</i>	Trillium Family Solutions	75,000
Family Involvement Coordinators <i>A comprehensive plan to aid at-risk children, PK-8, succeed in school through family and school involvement.</i>	Trillium Family Solutions	75,000
Center for College Readiness <i>Program better prepares high school students at Massillon's Washington High School and Sandy Valley High School for college: mentoring, strong family environment and guidance are key.</i>	Walsh University	8,725

Reduction of Risky Behavior Among Youth

Apple Seed Project <i>Program focuses on developing mathematic and reading achievement for at risk youth through enrichment programs that foster positive self-esteem and community involvement.</i>	Alliance Neighborhood Center	24,300
HIV Education & Prevention <i>Program provides certified instructors to teach HIV Education and Prevention to youth 13-24 years of age.</i>	American Red Cross, Stark County	2,460
Scout Reach <i>Provides funding to create troops in urban schools in Alliance, Canton and Massillon.</i>	Boy Scouts of America, Buckeye Council	36,000
Project Learn After School <i>Program assists at-risk young people to improve academic performance through computer technology, tutoring, reading programs, and cultural arts.</i>	Boys and Girls Club – Massillon	50,000
School Age Child Care <i>Program provides elementary children before and after school care in a safe and nurturing environment; tutoring and homework assistance provided.</i>	Canton Jewish Community Center	15,000
Abstinence Education <i>Educational programming to increase awareness of dating violence, hazards of drug and alcohol abuse and the benefits of abstinence or renewed abstinence.</i>	Community Services of Stark County	33,360
Baby Think It Over <i>Promotes skill building in the areas of financial literacy, prevention of teen pregnancy, healthy life choices and community service for girls ages 11-15.</i>	Girls Scouts of NE Ohio	20,000
Girls Roc <i>Provides valuable skill building programming that promotes leadership, positive decision-making, positive relationships and community service to girls during the school day.</i>	Girls Scouts of NE Ohio	20,000
Positive Futures <i>Provides an opportunity for troubled girls to improve their lives by making healthy choices, exhibiting responsibility, being aware of community issues, and respecting themselves and others.</i>	Girls Scouts of NE Ohio	22,000

Youth Development <i>Provides an opportunity for youth to participate in recreational and educational activities . Assists youth and their families with social development skills with diverse cultural, ethnic and racial backgrounds through physical, social and educational activities.</i>	J. Babe Stearn Community Center	50,000
Youth Employment Assistance <i>Program is designed to fulfill and hold accountable the youth regarding court ordered service hours to the community. Works in collaboration with the Stark County Family Courts, Family Services and Canton City Schools.</i>	J. Babe Stearn Community Center	3,750
Child Care/After School Programs <i>Provides academic and enrichment activities for elementary school age children. Teaches and models personal and social responsibility, exposes children to a variety of intellectual, physical, emotional and social experiences, keeps kids safe and meets the community's working families child care needs.</i>	J. R. Coleman Family Services, Inc.	28,210
Salvation Army Learning Zone <i>Provides low income children ages 6-13 with after school tutoring and test preparation.</i>	Salvation Army – Canton	22,500
Before/After School Programs <i>Before/After School program for children kindergarten through 6th grade: safety, fun, enrichment activities, and a caring staff are provided.</i>	YMCA – Alliance	14,500
Skills Program/Youth Sports <i>Health, wellness and leadership program for youth: after school and week-end activities through sports and supervised programming.</i>	YMCA – Alliance	10,000
Summer Extended Care Program <i>Provides a safe environment with well trained and certified staff to provide an enriching program experience for children kindergarten through 5th grade.</i>	YMCA - Alliance	11,400
Big Brothers Big Sisters Canton/Alliance/Massillon <i>One-on-one mentoring program for children to reach their full potential and to see a bright future.</i>	YMCA - Central Stark County	101,490
Urban Summer Program <i>Provides age appropriate summer day camp activities for youth entering 1st grade through middle school living in the neighborhoods surrounding downtown Canton who are not otherwise engaged in summer programs.</i>	YMCA - Central – Canton	30,000
Skills Program Youth Sports <i>Provides a variety of sports programs to youth and teens ages 3 to 18 during out of school time.</i>	YMCA - Central – Canton	21,000
Before and After School Program <i>Before/After School program for children kindergarten through age 12: enrichment activities, caring and nurturing staff and positive values are provided.</i>	YMCA -Central-Minerva	6,000
Skills Program/Youth Sports <i>Health, wellness and leadership program for youth: after school and week-end activities through sports and supervised programming.</i>	YMCA -Central-Meyers Lake	12,800
Before/After School Programs <i>Before/After School program for children kindergarten through 6th grade: safety, fun, enrichment activities, and a caring staff are provided.</i>	YMCA -Central-Meyers Lake	26,235
Youth Sports and Recreation <i>Health, wellness and leadership program for youth: after school and week-end activities through sports and supervised programming.</i>	YMCA of Western Stark County	15,000
After School Program <i>After School Program with activities, sports, homework support and social interaction in a safe environment.</i>	YMCA of Western Stark County	30,000
Between Kids <i>Supports children to develop confidence and skills: Girls Together, Tutoring, Red-Cross Baby-sitting clinic are a sample of programs.</i>	YWCA of Alliance	20,000

FAMILY & FINANCIAL STABILITY

Family Violence Prevention & Treatment

Direct Services <i>Provides safe, emergency shelter; a 24-hour crisis hotline; case management; counseling; teaching/tutoring services; legal advocacy; support groups; transportation; childcare during appointments; and assistance with food, clothing, and personal care needs for victims of domestic violence.</i>	Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter (P.A.C.E. Inc.)	44,540
Rape Crisis Services <i>Provides information, emotional support, and counseling to survivors and co-survivors of sexual abuse, sexual assault, or rape to help with the process of recovery from this trauma.</i>	American Red Cross, Stark County	130,000

Rape Crisis and Sexual Assault Program (Alliance) <i>Provides early intervention, assistance, and counseling to victims of rape or sexual assault (and their families) in the greater Alliance area and eastern Stark County.</i>	Community Services of Stark County	18,344
Western Stark Emergency Housing (Massillon Shelter) <i>Shelter provides a safe and supportive environment for women who are experiencing abuse at the hands of their partner. Maximum stay is 90 days during which clients receive case management and legal advocacy services.</i>	Domestic Violence Project, Inc.	15,000
Domestic Violence Shelter-Canton <i>Shelter provides a safe and supportive environment for women who are experiencing abuse at the hands of their partner. Maximum stay is 90 days during which clients receive case management and legal advocacy services.</i>	Domestic Violence Project, Inc.	186,066
Legal Advocacy - Canton & Massillon <i>Provides trained legal advocates to help victims understand their legal rights and their civil and criminal legal options.</i>	Domestic Violence Project, Inc.	45,000
Life Skills Family Expansion <i>Program targets 6th graders and their parents to help prepare youth for a successful transition from early childhood to adolescence.</i>	Domestic Violence Project, Inc.	30,000
Renew Counseling and Recovery Center <i>Provides counseling and case management services to domestic violence victims who are chemically dependent.</i>	Domestic Violence Project, Inc.	60,224
Parents Anonymous <i>Provides support groups and education to parents who are struggling in their parenting roles.</i>	Goodwill Industries	23,518
Compass 24 hour Crisis Hotline Service <i>Provides a 24-hour crisis hotline, hospital and courtroom advocacy, and other assistance for female survivors of sexual assault or rape. This program serves the Carrollton area.</i>	Goodwill Industries	3,500

Financial Stability

Pyramid Training Services – Adult <i>Provides employability training, job placement assistance and support for hard to employ people.</i>	Community Services of Stark County	25,000
Community Corrections <i>Provides a two-week life skills/job readiness class and job placement services for people who are transitioning from Ohio penal institutions back into the greater Stark County.</i>	Goodwill Industries	42,313
Employment and Training <i>Helps unemployed or underemployed people confronted with barriers to employment to obtain and maintain employment through assessments, classroom training, transitional employment, job coaching, social services, and job placement services.</i>	Goodwill Industries	105,500
Urban Hope Ohio <i>Program is a 12-week course for would-be entrepreneurs that helps them learn how to plan and operate a small business. They emerge from the course with a complete business plan.</i>	Goodwill Industries	6,350
Economics, Education & Empowerment <i>Program provides financial education, access to Ohio Benefit Bank, independent living education and training, and low interest loans to program participants who are poor credit risks.</i>	Trillium Family Solutions	35,000

Parenting Skills

Maternity Adoption <i>Provides infant adoption services, parent education, home study, legal advocacy and assistance, counseling, referral and support to families dealing with issues related to adoptions.</i>	Community Services of Stark County	20,000
Micah's Way <i>This program serves Skyline Terrace and Jackson-Sherrick neighborhoods with on-site parenting programs including pre-natal support, Mom's group, parenting classes, Safe Zone, and babysitting co-op. Serves youth through the STARS homework club, Fun Fridays, and Safe Zone.</i>	Community Services of Stark County	18,326
Home Based Parenting Program <i>Program is provided in clients' homes and is designed to provide them with additional resources and knowledge needed to enhance positive outcomes for those striving for family reunification or to keep a family intact.</i>	Goodwill Industries	8,942
Parenting Skills Training <i>Court-mandated parenting class for parents who at risk of losing their children to foster care, or whose children are already in foster care or relative placement.</i>	Goodwill Industries	66,173

Family Services <i>Serves families with children up to age 21 who are at risk of disruption due to family dysfunction, or to the child's physical, behavioral, or emotional disabilities.</i>	Pathway Caring for Children	30,000
Families Under Stress: Supervised Visitation <i>Provides supervised visitation education programs addressing parenting skills for families experiencing disruptions.</i>	YWCA of Western Stark County	10,000
Mother Mentor <i>Provides parenting education and support to pregnant teens and teen parents of children birth to 4-years old through mentoring, parenting education classes, and support group activities.</i>	Community Services of Stark County	21,000
HUGS (Help, Understand, Guide, Support) <i>Provides facilitated support groups to interested parents throughout the Greater Stark County area.</i>	Community Services of Stark County	14,000

Substance Abuse Prevention & Intervention

Deliverance House <i>Residential substance abuse treatment program for women, including those who are pregnant or are parents of small children.</i>	Quest Recovery & Prevention Services	95,000
Prevention Program <i>Provides a comprehensive set of age and developmentally appropriate alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention education programs.</i>	Quest Recovery & Prevention Services	45,000

HEALTH & BASIC NEEDS

Emergency & Disaster Services

Armed Forces Emergency Services <i>Provides emergency communications services to keep military personnel in touch with their families following the death or serious illness of a family member, the birth of a service.</i>	American Red Cross, Alliance-Minerva Area Chapter	5,000
Disaster Services <i>Focuses on meeting peoples' immediate emergency needs providing shelter, food and health and mental health services to address basic human needs.</i>	American Red Cross, Alliance-Minerva Area Chapter	16,595
Service to Armed Forces <i>Provides emergency communications services to keep military personnel in touch with their families following the death or serious illness of a family member, the birth of a service member's child or grandchild or when a family faces other emergencies.</i>	American Red Cross, Stark County	30,000
Disaster Services <i>Focuses on meeting peoples' immediate emergency needs providing shelter, food and health and mental health services to address basic human needs.</i>	American Red Cross, Stark County	165,080
Legal Services <i>Provides basic legal rights for low income and elderly residents of Stark County. Also provides high quality individualized advice, representation, both through staff attorneys and through an active volunteer program, basic community legal education and forms and guidance so that people can help themselves when confronted with a simple legal problem.</i>	Community Legal Aid Services	15,000
Emergency Assistance <i>Provides rental, mortgage and utility assistance, shelter for those who are homeless, food pantry, soup kitchens, bus fare and clothing vouchers for low income individuals and families.</i>	Community Services of Stark County	108,680
Family Living Center <i>Provides emergency shelter (up to 90 days) to families with minor children and single women who are homeless and/or disaster victims.</i>	Community Services of Stark County	32,977
Emergency Assistance <i>Assists individuals /families (homeless, low-income, elderly or others experiencing a crisis situation) with food, housing, transportation, utilities, rent and limited medical dental and vision conditions.</i>	Salvation Army – Canton	180,000
Comprehensive Emergency Assistance <i>Program responds to and meets the emergency basic needs for food, clothing, utilities, and other necessities to individuals and families throughout Western Stark County who have incomes under 300% of the federal poverty limit.</i>	Salvation Army – Massillon	40,000

Housing Outreach and Assistance <i>Works to prevent eviction or foreclosure for Western Stark County residents, as well as assist in the establishment of a residence due to limited income. Salvation Army personnel will assist the applicant in completing, reviewing, and analyzing their budget as well as informing them of available community resources.</i>	Salvation Army – Massillon	20,000
Emergency Assistance <i>Provides rental, mortgage and utility assistance, shelter for those who are homeless, food pantry, soup kitchens, bus fare and clothing vouchers for low income individuals and families.</i>	Salvation Army, Sebring Service Unit	1,615
Assistance Program <i>Provides emergency assistance to low or moderate income families that are in immediate crisis with gas electric or water. Works in collaboration with other community agencies.</i>	Westark Family Services, Inc.	20,000
WOW (Women off Welfare) <i>Provides assistance to move women and families struggling to meet basic needs out of emergency or crisis situations and toward a stable, self sufficient life.</i>	YWCA of Alliance	16,000
YWCA Emergency Shelter <i>Provides 42 units of shelter for homeless women and families meeting their basic needs of shelter, food, and clothing while residents seek safe, affordable and permanent housing.</i>	YWCA of Canton	185,000
Special Emergency Assistance: Central Stark Co. <i>Special allocation for direct assistance for food, clothing and shelter for Central Stark County residents.</i>	Community Services of Stark County	35,055
Special Emergency Assistance: Eastern Stark Co. <i>Special allocation for direct assistance for food, clothing and shelter for Eastern Stark County residents.</i>	Community Services of Stark County	35,054
Special Emergency Assistance: Western Stark Co. <i>Special allocation for direct assistance for food, clothing and shelter for Western Stark County residents.</i>	Salvation Army – Massillon	35,054
Seniors & Disabled		
Medical Transportation <i>Provides transportation for Stark County low income individuals and disabled to their Dialysis appointments three days per week. Will also transport low income individuals and disabled to necessary medical appointments.</i>	American Red Cross Stark County Chapter	36,320
Summer Respite Program <i>Provides a four-week day camp for school-aged children with developmental disabilities.</i>	The ARC of Stark County	37,000
Adult Day Care <i>Provides daytime supports in a supervised, secure, and caring atmosphere that enables older adults to continue to live in the community and enjoy an active and healthy life for as long as possible.</i>	J. R. Coleman Family Services, Inc.	30,000
Family Care Giving Solutions <i>Provides a supportive network of care services to assist individuals and families that are ill, elderly, or handicapped live safely and comfortably in their home settings.</i>	Trillium Family Solutions	80,000
Guardian and Payeeship Services <i>Provides Guardianship/Conservatorship services to individuals legally determined to lack capacity to manage their personal and/or financial affairs, and who have no family member or friend willing or able to serve in that capacity. Provides Payeeship services to individuals who lack the functional capacity to manage their financial benefits and who have no family or friend willing/or able to serve in that capacity.</i>	Trillium Family Solutions	37,700
Geriatric Case Management <i>Assists and supports individuals in gaining access to needed medical, social, educational and other services essential to meeting basic human needs.</i>	Westark Family Services, Inc.	11,556
Home Care <i>Provides personal care; homemaker and respite services to qualified elderly, low income and/or handicapped residents of Stark County.</i>	Westark Family Services, Inc.	32,934
Exercise for the Physically Challenged <i>Provides an exercise class for physically disabled adult YMCA members.</i>	YMCA - Central - North Canton	11,250
Senior and Physically Challenged Program <i>Provides an exercise class for physically disabled and senior population of Western Stark County.</i>	YMCA of Western Stark County	15,000
Meals on Wheels Plus More <i>Provides nutritious, portion-appropriate meals and a network of caring support that promotes optimal dignity, worth, health and independence.</i>	YWCA of Alliance	15,000

Access to Healthcare

Behavioral Health Counseling <i>Provides high quality counseling services to individuals, families and children of the greater Stark County community.</i>	Community Services of Stark County	174,864
Prescription Assistance <i>Provides life sustaining medications, small medical equipment needs and other non-prescriptive and supplemental medical items to uninsured, low-income individuals.</i>	Community Services of Stark County	55,000
Health Services <i>Provides primary reproductive health care services to women and men in the greater Stark County area.</i>	Planned Parenthood of Stark County	141,765
Family Counseling <i>Provides a variety of behavioral healthcare, counseling, and case management services geared to meet the medical, mental health, and social welfare needs of the individuals and families in crisis situations.</i>	Trillium Family Solutions	138,992
HIV/AIDS Services <i>Provides a comprehensive program designed to assist individuals who are HIV+, or individuals at high risk for acquiring HIV.</i>	Trillium Family Solutions	3,479
Free Clinic <i>Provides free, comprehensive quality healthcare services to low income and uninsured who reside in Western Stark County.</i>	Western Stark Free Clinic, Inc.	24,500
Healthcare for the Homeless <i>Operates a 40-foot mobile Care-A-Van that travels throughout Stark County providing free comprehensive, quality healthcare services to the homeless.</i>	Western Stark Free Clinic, Inc.	17,500

United Way Direct Services

2-1-1 Information & Referral

A free, confidential information and referral line to get help, anytime of day or night. When you have a problem, a question or simply don't know where to turn, dial United Way's 2-1-1 (or 330.491.9997 on some cellular phones.)



DIAL 2-1-1
FREE, CONFIDENTIAL
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Even if you have never needed help before, United Way's 2-1-1 can link you to resources such as food, tax assistance, foreclosure help, low cost medical, rent and utility assistance, prescription help, transportation assistance and financial tips.

United Way's Stark County Volunteer Center

People want to help with both their time and contributions. That's why United Way helps both organizations and individuals connect with Stark County agencies.



United Way's Volunteer Center provides individuals and organizations the opportunity to connect with volunteer opportunities throughout the community and with a variety of nonprofit organizations.

United Way, in partnership with Hands-On Volunteer Network, can match the talents of individuals and groups with volunteer opportunities through 1-800-volunteer, United Way's online matching tool. Visit

www.uwstark.org/volunteer.html



Day Of Caring 9.17.2009

United Way can help connect groups of volunteers with opportunities for service to agencies. United Way's annual Day of Caring in the fall combines the efforts of more than 800 volunteers from more than 45 organizations who will perform 60+ service projects for nearly 40 nonprofit agencies. Seek approval from your management for your co-workers to participate in the annual Day of Caring. Ask employees to share their experience at staff meetings or campaign meetings. Contact Elizabeth Ramsburg at 330.491.9953 or email elizabeth.ramsburg@uwstark.org.

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COMPASS of Stark County



The data center of United Way of Stark County, COMPASS is a is one of eight United Way pilot projects in the nation aimed at helping communities inventory their needs and develop grassroots action plans to improve community life. COMPASS is an ongoing community assessment and community-building tool to collect data about all aspects of community life. Results help community organizations and nonprofits more effectively address everything from how we educate our children to the way in which we care for seniors.

An annual Stark County indicators is available free of charge to any nonprofit in the community. In addition, a lengthier study, done every five years

COMPASS collects data and information throughout the community to provide a basis for identifying areas for the community to focus resources and energy to have the maximum impact in making Stark County a better place to live.

In addition to statistics, COMPASS posts reports and studies about our county, does comparative analyses of Stark County to Ohio and the US, and provides links to many other valuable sources of local and national data.

Information is constantly being added and updated, making COMPASS a continuous living report on the quality of life in Stark County. COMPASS is an invaluable tool for researchers, realtors, policymakers, grant writers, educators, business and industry, government, students and others who need to know facts and information about our county.

More info is available at <http://www.starkcompass.org/about.php?id=3>

Management Assistance Program (MAP)

The purpose of the Management Assistance Program is to enhance the management capabilities and capacities of nonprofit agencies and organizations within Stark County.

The Management Assistance Program offers group and individual consultation to agencies and boards of directors through the recruitment of volunteers from local business, industry, government and educational institutions.

Volunteer consultants are recruited with experience in several areas of management to assist agencies individually or conduct seminars on selected management topics.

To learn more about MAP, please contact Elizabeth Ramsburg at elizabeth.ramsburg@uwstark.org or 330-491-9953.



United Way's Community Initiatives

United Way is a catalyst for proactive and lasting change at the root causes of challenges facing greater Stark County. As a convener, partner, advocate and issue educator partnering with government, education institutions, foundations, key funders and community leaders on countywide agendas, United Way of Greater Stark County works to address the urgent needs facing our community.

Access to Health Care

Physicians have always provided charity health care. They see established patients who have lost their health insurance, or agree to care for a fellow physician's patient who needs specialized care. This network is informal, and arranging care for a single patient can be time consuming and frustrating.

When implemented, Access Health Stark County will coordinate charity health care for the uninsured, low income residents of Stark County who have no other resource for health care. With the support of the Stark County Medical Society, Access Health will bring together area hospital systems, rehabilitation facilities, community health centers, health departments, ancillary services, and others, along with participating community physicians to facilitate a service delivery network and case management.

For more information about Access to Health Care, call (330) 445-1079 or email accesshealth@neo.rr.com.

Bridges Out of Poverty

Bridges Out of Poverty examines sources and impact of generational poverty on families and communities, reveals the hidden rules and norms of social class, and supports addressing and solving generational poverty at the community level. It begins with a mental model of prosperity and addresses poverty across a continuum that moves from the individual, to infrastructure and policy.

For more information about Bridges Out of Poverty, contact Jim Pennetti, Vice President of Community Impact at United Way of Greater Stark County, by calling (330) 491-9961 or by email at jim.pennetti@uwstark.org.

CARE Team

Each individual CARE Team is comprised of teachers, administrators and staff from multiple community agencies including law enforcement, mental health and other social service agencies. These teams work together in a school-based environment to address obstacles facing the at-risk student population and their families. School performance is affected by many issues, among them: physical health, substance abuse, physical abuse, housing, nutrition, and poverty. The best way to affect change is through on-site collaboration between human service organizations that address these issues. The program is school/community-focused, holistic, year-round, and consequence-based. The program provides prevention, intervention and asset building tailored to the needs of the individual.

CARE Team's goal is to address the quality of life of children in Stark County, Ohio, by addressing the tough issues of physical health and well-being, substance abuse, physical abuse and poverty. The program's main goal is to help at-risk children stay in school and become self-sufficient and productive in the work force. The main goal of the program is to assist students and their families overcome obstacles that could prevent the students from obtaining an education. The team identifies the gaps in the student's basic needs development and addresses those needs areas so that the child will be able to achieve the higher levels of the needs pyramid.

The team also identifies strengths and assets that will promote growth and improvement. The program provides students and families with prevention, intervention, and asset building support tailored to the needs of each individual child. These services, offered within the school setting, are easily accessible for the families and are part of the student's daily routine.

Alliance City Schools: Alliance Middle School

Canton City Schools: Arts At Summit, Crenshaw Middle School, Fairmont Elementary, Hartford Middle School, Lehman Middle School, McKinley High School (Freshman Academy), Timken High School, Youtz Elementary

Canton Local Schools: Canton South High School

Fairless Local Schools: Fairless Middle School

Louisville City Schools: Louisville Middle School

Massillon City Schools: Massillon Middle School

Osnaburg Local: East Canton Elementary, East Canton Middle School, East Canton High School

Sandy Valley Local: Sandy Valley Elementary

CARE Team is a collaboration between United Way, Stark County Family Court, Stark County Education Service Center, Mental Health and Recovery Services Board, Stark County Job and Family Services, Stark County Family Counsel funded in part by Aultman Health Foundation, American Electric Power Foundation, JPMorgan Chase Bank and Key Bank.

For more information about CARE Team, call the United Way of Greater Stark County Headquarters at (330) 491-0445 or Krista Allison at Stark County Educational Service Center at (330) 492-8136.

Earned Income Tax Credit

In early 2009, United Way of Greater Stark County partnered with Family Economic Success Project, Community Services of Stark County and Trillium Family Solutions to promote awareness of the largest federal anti-poverty program, Earned Income Tax Credit, with the following results:

- Number of federal returns filed: 648
- Earned Income Tax Credits received: \$703,813
- Total refunds received: \$1,382,484

Family Financial Stability Partnership

On March 7, 2009, United Way of Greater Stark County, The Repository, and the Charter One Foundation hosted the Family Financial Fair at Stark State College in North Canton, Ohio. The event had over 40 exhibitors, 15 mini-workshops and about 500 attendees.

The Stark County Saves Campaign is tentatively scheduled for February 2010.

For more information about the Family Financial Stability Partnership, contact Pete Schaeffer, Impact Council Director at United Way of Greater Stark County by calling (330) 491-9986.

Stark County Interagency Council on Homelessness

The Stark County Interagency Council on Homelessness was formed in 2004. Its mission is to develop and implement strategies and solutions to address the problem of homelessness throughout Stark County, including the development of supportive housing options and the securing of federal, state and local resources. The Council's mission also includes developing measures to prevent and end chronic homelessness, insure a coordinated safety net of emergency services for those in a short-term housing crisis, and coordinate and consolidate local efforts to provide a cost-effective and streamlined system for addressing homelessness.

Members of the Council include representatives of service providers for the homeless, the courts, law enforcement, city and county government, hospitals, United Way, Mental Health Board, Regional Planning Commission, Stark County Jobs & Family Services, Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, foundations and community volunteers.

For more information, call the United Way Headquarters at (330) 491-0445.

Stark County Teen Court

Teen Court is an alternative to traditional juvenile court proceedings for first-time nonviolent offenders. This program is based on the premise that young people respond positively to the influences of their peers. Teen Court is funded through a grant from the United Way of Greater Stark County.

Teen Court offers juveniles the option of participating in a diversion program that uses peer pressure and early intervention as its main tools in preventing recidivism. As an alternative to adult-to-youth programs, youth-to-youth systems have been successfully utilized across the country to hold youth accountable and educate them on the impact their actions have on others and themselves. Whether participating as the prosecutor, defense attorney, bailiff or jury member, Teen Court offers students the opportunity to positively impact their peers. Addressing juvenile crime gives court members a “sense of stake” in the community and empowers them to make their communities safer and to hold offenders accountable.

Juveniles are referred to Teen Court by the Court’s Intake Department upon a complaint of delinquency or unruly behavior. The defendant must be under the age of 18; have the parents/ guardians consent; and admit involvement with the charge. Once a youth is referred, the Teen Court Coordinator contacts the defendant and the parents to explain the program. They must voluntarily agree to participate in the program. Each defendant appears in court with his/her parents and admits involvement with the charge. The Bailiff introduces the defendant to the jurors and informs the jury of the charge. After the prosecutor and the defense attorney each present their cases, the juvenile and parents are given an opportunity to speak. The jury then deliberates and recommends a sentence. The sentence is read and the juvenile and parents are given a copy of the recommendations. The juvenile then has a specific time frame within which to complete the sentence. Failure to complete the sentence results in the case being set before a Judge or Magistrate.

The Teen Court program has been in operation since 1996. More than 1,000 cases of juveniles charged with delinquency and or unruly offenses have been decided through this program. In addition, over 350 high school students have volunteered for this effective diversion program. The recidivism rate for those completing this program remains low. The parents of the juveniles charged are asked to rate their level of satisfaction with the program. In almost every case, parents said the program had a positive impact on their child and they would recommend this program to other families coming before the Juvenile Court.

For more information, call the United Way of Greater Stark County Headquarters at (330) 491-0445.



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