



Impact Insight and Inspiration

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Volunteers show up. Make a difference!

Behind every successful program and meaningful outcome are volunteers who show up, give their time, and make a difference in real, tangible ways. Recently, workplace volunteers have been at the heart of that impact:

- At Gibbs Elementary School, volunteers helped bring the end-of-year carnival to life, running activities, playing with students, and creating joyful moments that support children's social, emotional, and academic growth.
- During Summer Bridge Bag Packing, volunteers assembled 415 bags for local kindergarteners, filled with learning tools, workbooks, and snacks to help prevent the "summer slide" and keep students confident and ready for first grade.
- At the Heart of Ohio Diaper Bank, volunteers packaged diapers that provide critical support for families, helping ensure babies can attend childcare and access early learning opportunities.
- Volunteers also supported the YWCA by sorting clothing donations for women and children, helping provide essential items and a sense of dignity for those seeking shelter and stability.

Each act of service plays a vital role in strengthening our community!



Why It Matters

Volunteers are the driving force behind this work. They don't just support programs, they create opportunities, build connections, and help ensure individuals and families have what they need to thrive. When workplaces come together to give back, the impact is powerful, and it's felt across our entire community.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: Building Confidence through Creativity

A young student once entered EN-RICH-MENT's ACE (Artistic & Creative Expression) program reserved and withdrawn, facing social anxiety and declining grades. ACE is a trauma-informed arts program where children engage in creative activities that help them express emotions, process experiences, and build a sense of identity and belonging.

Through consistent encouragement, artistic expression, and support from a mental health professional, she began to grow in confidence, arriving early to help instructors, taking on leadership roles, and replacing "I can't" with a willingness to try. Her progress extended beyond the classroom. As she became more comfortable expressing herself, her grades improved, her family became more involved, and she built meaningful friendships with her peers. Today, this student is a confident leader in her program, at school, and at home, encouraging others to step outside their comfort zones.

This program is made possible by your generous support to United Way of Greater Stark County. Thanks to you, students have access to the tools, encouragement, and opportunities they need to grow, succeed, and thrive.



When I grow up starts today!

Celebrating our 2025 Workplace Award Winners

Before we kick off a new campaign season, we're recognizing the organizations that went above and beyond this past year through generosity, teamwork, and community spirit.

Employee Impact Award

415 Group
Krugliak, Wilkins, Griffiths & Dougherty
Massillon City Schools

Leadership Impact Award

Domestic Violence Project, Inc.
Krugliak, Wilkins, Griffiths & Dougherty
Abbott Electric, Inc.

Purpose in Action Award

The Timken Company



These workplaces show what's possible when employees come together to support their community. Every campaign, event, and contribution helps create meaningful impact.

Could Your Workplace Be Next?



The same workplace award opportunities will return for 2026, and every employee can play a part in helping their organization stand out. From participating in campaign activities to building excitement across your workplace, your involvement makes a difference. Connect with your workplace campaign coordinator to learn more about this year's campaign and award opportunities. Your team could be featured among next year's winners!