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## United Way student leadership team leads emergency fund drive Feb. 9-13

*(Canton, OH) Feb. 4, 2009--*United Way of Greater Stark County's Student Leadership Team is coordinating the "Love Your Neighbor" student emergency fund drive in local high schools Feb. 9-13, 2009. Volunteers with the Student Leadership Team will collect \$1 donations from classmates, school staff, faculty and other school visitors during lunch modules. Money earned from the event will benefit residents of Stark County in need of food, shelter, utilities and other items.

"The Student Leadership Team is really excited about the fundraiser. We think it will be a great success. We hope to receive a lot of donations because, due to the economy right now, there are a lot of people who really need help," says Isabel Thottam, senior at Canton Central Catholic High School. Thottam is a member of the Student Leadership Team and will be raising money at her high-school during the week of Feb. 9.

The Student Leadership Team works throughout the year to help the community and in doing so learn the value of philanthropy, develop leadership skills and to learn more about community issues.

"Our Student Leadership Team at United Way is comprised of students who want to make a difference in their communities," says Kimberly Douce, director of volunteer resources at United Way of Greater Stark County. "We are encouraging those wishing to help to donate \$1 to the fund. Many times, people do not realize that spare change can help someone fulfill their basic needs for a short period of time. Stark County residents are calling our offices for help with the most basic of needs-things they may have taken for granted before."

Those wishing to contribute to the fund may visit one of the collection sites. County-wide collection sites include:

Central Catholic High School  
4824 West Tuscarawas Street  
Canton, Ohio 44708  
(330) 478-2131

Perry High School  
3737 13<sup>th</sup> Street S.W.  
Massillon, Ohio 44646  
(330) 477-3486

Sandy Valley High School  
5362 State Route 183 NE  
Magnolia, Ohio 44643  
(330) 866-9371

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Tuslaw High School  
1847 Manchester Avenue NW  
Massillon, OH 44647  
(330) 837-7800

R.G. Drage Career Technical Center  
6805 Ridgeville Drive SW  
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(330) 832-9856

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For more information about the fund drive or about the Student Leadership Team, please contact Kimberly Douce, Director of United Way Volunteer Resources at 330-491-9985 or [kdouce@uwgsc.org](mailto:kdouce@uwgsc.org).

United Way of Greater Stark County is a not-for-profit organization that seeks to improve lives in measurable and lasting ways by mobilizing thousands of people around a common goal: advancing the common good. United Way funds programs that focus on Early Education & Care, Graduation & Training and Family Stability. United Way believes these are the building blocks for a good life and that a quality education leads to a stable job, enough income to support a family through retirement, a safe place to live and good health.

For more information about United Way visit [www.uwstark.org](http://www.uwstark.org). Headquarters are at 4825 Higbee Avenue NW, Suite 101, Canton, Ohio 44718. Dial (330) 491-0445 to reach the offices.

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