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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### **United Way to celebrate 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary at annual meeting breakfast Apr. 30**

*(Canton, OH) Apr. 16, 2009* – United Way of Greater Stark County and their board of directors will host an annual meeting breakfast on Thurs., Apr. 30 at 7:30 a.m. at The University Center at Kent State University Stark Campus.

The event marks the fifth anniversary of the United Way of Greater Stark County, which officially merged Apr. 1, 2004. Previous to the merger, Stark County was home to three United Ways including Alliance Area United Way, United Way of Central Stark County and United Way of Western Stark County.

The annual meeting will feature a recap of five year's accomplishments, campaign highlights and a presentation of the Gold Key and Community Volunteer Service Awards.

"The annual meeting is always an uplifting event," says Maria Heege, president and CEO of United Way of Greater Stark County. "But, this year's meeting is truly a celebration of our fifth anniversary of serving Stark County. We are very proud of what we have attained in the past five years."

"The last five years have included important milestones for United Way of Greater Stark County. We will show our donors, volunteers and community members our achievements, and how their efforts have helped us get to where we are today," says Scott Zurakowski, board chairman of United Way of Greater Stark County.

The cost to attend the event is \$20 per person. A deluxe breakfast is included. To register, please contact Judith Cross, executive administrative assistant, at (330) 491-9960 or [jcross@uwgsc.org](mailto:jcross@uwgsc.org) by April 23 to reserve your seat.

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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