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## FAMILY FINANCIAL STABILITY RESOURCES NOW AVAILABLE:

### Online Employers' Toolkit provides materials to assist workforce

Online tools designed for use by workplaces and organizations include informational and promotional tools to increase awareness of:

- **EITC Tax Benefit for taxpayers** - Families earning less than \$42,000 may be eligible for an Earned Income Tax Credit benefit of \$4800
- **Access to free tax return preparation sites** and information needed for tax preparation
- **Access to the United Way's 2-1-1** Information and Referral line services
- Provide information about the community

Family Financial Fair on Saturday, March 7 at Stark State College of Technology

[Click here to access the Employers' Toolkit](#)

### Free tax preparation sites listed online

Stark County residents can access free tax preparation locations, times and phone numbers to make an appointment in communities throughout greater Stark County. A list of items needed to have tax returns prepared is included.

[Click here for Free Tax Preparation Sites](#)

### Family Financial Fair event, Sat., Mar. 7 at Stark State

United Way, Charter One Foundation and *The Repository* are co-sponsoring a Family Financial Fair, Sat., Mar. 7 at Stark State College of Technology from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **The event is free to the public** and will feature exhibits and educational presentations from community experts. **SARTA will be providing free transportation via special shuttles** from central transfer stations in Alliance, Massillon and Canton to and from Stark State.

Exhibits and presenters will cover topics including

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donate \$1 to the student emergency fund  
to help residents of greater Stark County  
who need food, shelter, utilities & more



### Student Emergency Fund Drive

Feb. 9 -13

The Student Leadership Team is coordinating the "Love Your Neighbor" student emergency fund drive in local high schools Feb. 9-13. 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.

County-wide collection sites include:

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

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

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

improving credit reports & scores, retirement planning, investment basics, foreclosure prevention, identity theft prevention, savings, banking basics, legal tips, budgeting, paying for college and more.

"We are proud to co-sponsor this educational event," says Maria Heege, president and CEO of United Way of Greater Stark County. "We want to point individuals in the right direction when it comes to their finances and help families with effective ways to handle their money. This event fully represents the United Way mission to help others during difficult and worrisome times."

The **United Way Financial Stability Partnership's** goal is to boost efforts towards a positive economic future for residents of Stark County. The partnership includes members from Consumer Credit Counseling Services, Attorney General of the State of Ohio, Stark County Auditor's office, representatives of United Way service providers and community volunteers.

Free transportation to and from the Financial Fair will be provided by SARTA via special shuttles at the transfer stations located in Canton, Massillon and Alliance. The buses will board passengers at the transfer stations at 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon for the trip to Stark State. They will also board passengers at 1:15 p.m. and 4:15 p.m. for the return trip. The SARTA Canton transfer station is located at 112 Cherry Ave. S.E., the Massillon transfer station is located at 41 S. Erie St. and the Alliance transfer station is located at 10 Prospect St. at the corner of N. Union Ave. (Rt. 183.) Stark State College of Technology is located at 6200 Frank Ave. N.W. in North Canton.

**Additional event sponsors include** Stark County Commissioners and Auditor's office, Stark State College of Technology, SARTA, Consumer Credit Counseling Services, Attorney General of the State of Ohio and United Way's 2-1-1 Information and Referral line.

**For more information about the Family Financial Fair**, please contact Pete Schaeffer, director of Impact Councils, at (330) 491-9986 or [pschaeffer@uwgsc.org](mailto:pschaeffer@uwgsc.org).

**Fairless High School**  
11885 Navarre Road SW  
Navarre, OH 44662  
(330) 767-3444

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

**R.G. Drage Career Technical Center**  
6805 Ridgeville Drive SW  
Massillon, OH 44646  
(330) 832-9856

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