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#### **United Way Gold Key service award nominations due Mar. 5**

*(Canton, OH) Feb. 17, 2010*— Since 1961, United Way of Greater Stark County has recognized community leaders and volunteers for the impact they have made on the Stark County community. The Gold Key service award recognizes volunteers who have consistently demonstrated a high degree of personal dedication and service in a voluntary capacity to United Way or its funded service providers.

Nomination forms are available online at [www.uwstark.org](http://www.uwstark.org) and are due no later than Mar. 5 at 4:00 p.m. Submissions should be mailed or delivered to: United Way of Greater Stark County, Attn: Elizabeth Ramsburg, 4825 Higbee Ave. N.W., Suite 101, Canton, Ohio 44718. Nominations will be reviewed by a United Way selection committee composed of staff and volunteers. Any questions regarding nominations can be answered by contacting Volunteer Coordinator Elizabeth Ramsburg at (330) 491-9953.

“The Gold Key service award is the most prestigious tribute that United Way can give to our dedicated community volunteers,” says Maria Heege, President and CEO, United Way of Greater Stark County. “Their continued service and support of United Way and our service providers helps us better meet the needs of Stark County residents.”

Nominee applications will be evaluated based on scope of responsibility, motivation, initiative and length of service; impact of service, attitude, commitment and determination. Eligible nominees should have performed volunteer activities for United Way or one of its funded service providers.

2009 Gold Key recipients were Judge Mike Howard of Stark County Family Court and Carmela Lioi of Stark County Educational Service Center.

Awards will be presented at the United Way of Greater Stark County’s annual meeting and campaign awards breakfast, Day of Thanks, at 7:30 a.m. on Wed., Mar. 24 at The University Center at Kent State University Stark Campus located at 6000 Frank Ave. N.W. in North Canton.

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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