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UNITED WAY
DAY OF THANKS

This morning United Way began the day thanking more than 300 workplaces for running 2008 campaigns! Formerly known as the Campaign Awards Banquet, the breakfast event began at 7:30 a.m. and was sponsored by Aultman.

The Day of Thanks honored individuals, companies and coordinators who have given time, talent and donations to the United Way annual campaign. The prestigious campaign award, Spirit of Caring, was presented to four area workplaces: Lavery Chevrolet, Marathon Oil Corporation, Fred Olivieri Construction/Mr. O's Cabinet Shop and GE Money. [Click here to see all the award winners!](#)

A Thank-A-Thon in which phone calls by staff and volunteers will be made to thank individual donors to the 2008 annual campaign is currently underway! [Click to read more](#)

NOMINATIONS EXTENDED: Nominate your candidate for Gold Key and Community Volunteer Awards by April 10!

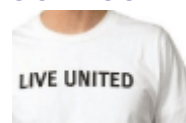


Since 1961, United Way has recognized community leaders and volunteers for the impact they have made on the Stark County community. The Gold Key Service Award recognizes those volunteers who have continually demonstrated the highest degree of personal dedication and service in a voluntary capacity to the United Way or its service providers.

For the second consecutive year, individuals, groups,

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Nominate today!
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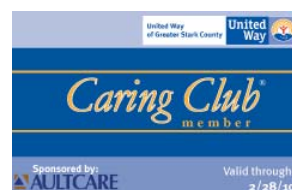


**Nominations
extended until Apr. 10**
[Click here for form](#)

SAVE THE DATE
Thurs., April 30

**Annual Meeting
Breakfast**
Kent State University
Stark Campus
Conference Center
7:30 a.m.

Caring Club
Monthly Specials!



[Click here for a list of specials in March!](#)

Your gift of only \$10 a month to the United Way entitles you to membership in the Caring Club. And to thank you, you will

organizations, families, youths 18 years or younger and businesses or corporations with less than 200 employees and larger will also be recognized with Community Volunteer Service Awards.

[Nomination forms are available online](#) and are due no later than Apr. 10 at 4:00 p.m. to Elizabeth Ramsberg who can be reached at 330-491-9953 or eramsburg@uwgsc.org. [Read more](#)

2009-11 Allocations Announced

The United Way of Greater Stark County Board of Directors voted today to approve 2009-11 investments into 107 health and human service programs through 41 service providers county-wide. A special allocation for additional direct emergency assistance has also been approved by the board. Service providers are being notified of their allocation for the 2009-11 two-year funding cycle.

A total of \$4,820,482 was allocated to greater Stark County programs. Funding was based on a rigorous grant allocation process involving a number of criteria including how closely the program aligned with United Way's outcome standards and the service providers' ability to deliver services to fund the best programs creating long-lasting change with measurable results.

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COMPASS releases 2008 Stark County Community Indicators Report

COMPASS, the data center for United Way of Greater Stark County, has released a comprehensive overview of countywide trends with specific indicators and data. The annual report, entitled "2008 Stark County Community Indicators Report," identifies trends in community living, economics, education, environment, families and households, health, neighborhood development and public safety. The free report is available online at <http://www.starkcompass.org>.

"Organizations can use the Indicators report as an assessment tool when applying for grant funding," says Merele Kinsey, Process Manager for COMPASS. "There is a movement toward data-driven decision making and many funding organizations are requiring greater accountability. COMPASS is able to provide that information." [Click to read more](#)

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