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Annual Meeting
CAMPAIGN AWARDS BREAKFAST
DAY OF THANKS 3.24.10



Annual Meeting, Campaign Awards Breakfast & Day of Thanks
One event on Wednesday, March 24

Kent State University
University Conference Center, Stark Campus
7:30 a.m. Breakfast buffet
7:45 a.m. Program begins

March 24 is your day! At the Day of Thanks event volunteers, companies and coordinators who have given time, talent and donations to United Way and the annual campaign will be recognized. **Gold Key** service award recipients will be recognized and the annual **State-of-the-Agency** address will be delivered. Find out how your single gift to United Way changes lives right here in Stark County!

If you haven't already, please RSVP online by Mar. 17
www.uwstark.org

or to Judith Cross at
330-491-9960 or judith.cross@uwstark.org

\$20 per person
Up to two complementary admissions per company for Campaign Coordinators

United Way announces countywide 2010-11 program grant allocations

The United Way of Greater Stark County Board of Directors voted Mar. 10 to approve investments into 99 health and human service programs through 39 service providers county-

wide. The 2010-11 grant allocations represent the second year of a two-year funding cycle. Service providers have been notified of their program allocation.

A total of \$4,555,033 was allocated to greater Stark County programs. Funding was recommended by an all-volunteer citizen review and approval process involving 120 volunteers who devoted 2,477 hours to ensure criteria including how closely the program aligned with United Way's outcome standards and service providers' ability to deliver services, were met.

"We are very fortunate this year," said Scott Zurakowski, United Way of Greater Stark County board chairman. "United Way's board of directors were able to keep second year allocations relatively the same as last year, despite reduced resources. Our volunteers are fully committed to fund the best programs creating long-lasting change with measurable results." Campaign projections are currently at \$6,720,000. The campaign will officially close at the end of United Way's fiscal year on Mar. 31.

Beginning in January, three United Way all-volunteer community impact councils, comprised of community and issue experts examined second year requests for program alignment and measurable outcomes, reviewed agencies, researched community data and made allocation recommendations to United Way of Greater Stark County's board of directors. For a comprehensive listing of approved county-wide funding allocations, please visit <http://www.uwstark.org>.

"Our impact council volunteers have put in many, many hours into the citizen review process and we are very grateful," said United Way of Greater Stark County president and CEO Maria Heege. "Donors are counting on us to make prudent and wise investments with their hard-earned dollars, especially during these tough times. Heege added, "And to further community resources, United Way will continue to work as a convener, inviting other funders and key stakeholders to collaborate on the best way to get help to the neediest people in our community."

Donations are still being accepted at United Way. Contact the campaign department at 330-491-0445 or online by visiting <http://www.uwstark.org> and clicking on GIVE.

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