

**THANK YOU  
TO ALL WHO  
JOIN HANDS  
OPEN THEIR HEARTS  
& LEND THEIR MUSCLE**



**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK**

**APRIL 18-24, 2010**

**VOLUNTEER.**

**GIVE.**

**ADVOCATE.**

## Thank you volunteers! **This week is your week!**

It takes everyone working together in the community to advance the common good. To LIVE UNITED means to be part of this change--to reach out a hand to one and influence the condition of all.

Thank you to the RSVP Ladies who assisted United Way with mailings today. They are LIVING UNITED!



**STARK COUNTY VOLUNTEER  
CENTER: Engaged 679 Disney® Give A  
Day...Get A Day volunteers!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**TOMORROW!**  
Wednesday, April 21



## Sophia's Restaurant

7936 Hills & Dales NW  
Massillon, OH 44646

Please join us! Eat great food and give! It's a win-win! Sophia's will donate 20% of your bill to United Way of Greater Stark County. The fundraiser runs all day. The restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner!

Thank you, Sophia's!



Since January, Elizabeth Ramsburg, volunteer coordinator for the Stark County Volunteer Center, has matched 679 Disney Give A Day...Get A Day volunteers, ages 6-73 years to unique family opportunities to give service. More than 5,000 teaching tools were made by volunteers to support early childhood education at area child care centers. In addition, volunteers brought donations of books, pencils, crayon, scissors, paints and paper.



Families also assisted United Way with community events with hands-on set up and tear down and distributing information to residents. The calculation of service into dollars looks something like this: 679 volunteers X \$74.00 (average Disney ticket price) = \$50,246. Families discovering the joys of volunteering = PRICELESS!

[Click here for current volunteer opportunities right here in Stark County assisting a variety of community organizations!](#)

**DAY OF CARING 2009: 885 Volunteers gave their time and talent to make our community a better place to live and work!**



SAVE THE DATE  
Monday, June 21

## Virtual Day of Action



Please mark your calendar to volunteer on the longest day of the year--June 21!

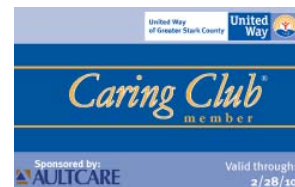
[Click here for more on this annual event!](#)

SAVE THE DATE  
Thursday, Sept. 16  
**17th Annual United Way**  
**Day of Caring**



Please mark your calendars! More information will be coming in the next few weeks for site coordinators, workplace teams and more!

## 2010 Caring Club Monthly Discounts



[Please click here to find out what the monthly specials are!](#)

Donors who have pledged \$120 or more annually to United Way of Greater Stark County receive discounts from dozens of merchants throughout Stark

Day of Caring is about making connections and creating a better place to live. United Way's annual volunteer event is a community-wide day of hands-on volunteering that connects volunteers with non-profit organizations to work on various projects that would otherwise not be completed.

It's a day that demonstrates volunteerism is vital to the well-being of our community. It is a service of [United Way's Volunteer Center](#), bringing volunteers together to address some of the urgent needs in our community.

Nearly 900 volunteers worked on 68 projects for the 2009 event. Forty-four companies were paired with 44 agencies and service providers across Stark County for one of the largest single-day volunteer events in our community.

Based on rates from Independent Sector, the 2008 value of a volunteer hour is \$20.25. Using their formula a total of \$17,921.25 of in-kind services were donated to the Stark County community on Day of Caring.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for this year's event on Thursday, Sept. 16, 2010!

[Click here to read more about volunteers' experiences on the Day of Caring last year!](#)

### **TRASH TO TREASURE 2009: 100 Mt. Union students made a difference in the Alliance community**

Last year, United Way's Volunteer Center collaborated with Mt. Union College and students to conduct a pilot Trash to Treasure Recycle Sale. Students donated items at the end of the academic year to be sold at a community-wide garage sale for those that might appreciate inexpensive, usable furniture, clothes, shoes and more. As opposed to being thrown away and taking up landfill space, the sale of these items also saved waste removal costs for the College.



All proceeds were graciously donated to United Way by Mt. Union. The funds were then distributed to early education programs in Alliance. All the items that were not sold, were donated to Alliance community service providers.

County.

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One hundred students volunteered more than 450 hours to make this project a win for all involved. Plans are already in the works for another event this year on May 5th and 6th!

[Click here for more about Trash to Treasure!](#)

### **GOLD KEY AWARDS: 49 years of United Way community service recognition**

At the Day of Thanks Annual Meeting & Campaign Awards Breakfast on Mar. 24 United Way volunteers were recognized



*Gold Key service award honorees Jim Edwards and Mack Smith. Not pictured is Dr. Mona Shay.*

for their time, talents and gifts! James Edwards, Dr. Mona Shay and Mack Smith were presented with Gold Keys. Edwards was nominated for his service to the American Red Cross. Dr. Shay was honored for her volunteer efforts at Western Stark Free Clinic and Mack Smith was recognized for his volunteer efforts supporting the Stark County Urban League.

Since 1961, the United Way has presented the Gold Key service award to volunteers who have continually demonstrated the highest degree of personal dedication and service in a voluntary capacity to the United Way and/or United Way service providers.

[To learn more about the 2010 Gold Key winners and a history of previous honorees, click here.](#)

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