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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**NOMINATE AN APPLICANT TODAY FOR THE GOLD KEY AND/OR DEHOFF AWARD – DUE JANUARY 31, 2017**

*(Canton, OH) January 3, 2017* - United Way of Greater Stark County is pleased to announce nominations are currently being accepted for the DeHoff Emerging Young Philanthropist Award and Community Service Leader Gold Key Award. Nominations are due by 5:00 pm on January 31, 2017.

**Community Service Leader Gold Key Service Award:** Since 1961, United Way of Greater Stark County has recognized community leaders and volunteers for the impact that they have made on the local community. The Gold Key Service Award recognizes those individuals who have continually demonstrated the highest degree of personal dedication and service in a voluntary capacity toward reaching the United Way's Bold Goals 2020; in the areas of Education, Income and Health and/or community partners. To nominate a candidate for this award, visit [www.uwstark.org/gold-key-service-awards](http://www.uwstark.org/gold-key-service-awards).

**DeHoff Emerging Philanthropist Award:** Each year since 2010, United Way's DeHoff Emerging Young Philanthropist Award recognizes a Stark County resident age 45 and under who impacts Stark County through direct service and volunteer work. The DeHoff Emerging Philanthropist of Stark County Award honors two of United Way's most dedicated campaign volunteers. The recipient of the award will receive \$5,000 to be donated to a health and human services 501(c)(3) organization of the award recipient's choice.

Bob and Linda DeHoff served as the Alexis de Tocqueville Society co-chairs for over a decade, assisting in reaching donors who contribute gifts of \$10,000 or more. During the 11 years they served as co-chairs, the DeHoffs led efforts to raise more than \$11.6 million to benefit residents of Greater Stark County. To nominate an applicant for this award, visit [www.uwstark.org/DeHoff](http://www.uwstark.org/DeHoff)

"These awards provide an opportunity to recognize those who have made a difference every day right here at home. A good way to do that is to nominate someone special for the DeHoff Emerging Philanthropist Award or Gold Key Award in Education, Income or Health." says United Way of Greater Stark County's President & CEO Maria Heege.

Nominations will be reviewed by United Way selection committees composed of community volunteers and United Way staff. Any questions regarding nominations can be answered by contacting Volunteer Director Elizabeth Ramsburg at (330) 491-9953 or [elizabeth.ramsburg@uwstark.org](mailto:elizabeth.ramsburg@uwstark.org).

Both awards will be presented on March 30 during United Way's annual meeting breakfast at Kent State University Stark Conference Center.

**About United Way of Greater Stark County**

United Way of Greater Stark County improves the quality of lives through long-lasting local community change, supporting programs in education, income and health. The agency collaborates, convenes, and partners to support programs and initiatives that promote a healthy community where children are successful from kindergarten through graduation to a career, break the cycle of poverty so families have the tools, skills, and support they need to become financially independent and access to programs & services that improve the overall health of Stark County. For more information about United Way of Greater Stark County, visit [www.uwstark.org](http://www.uwstark.org). Headquarters are at 401 Market Avenue North, Suite 300, Canton, Ohio 44702. Dial (330) 491-0445 to reach the offices.

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