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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Nominations Open for the Annual Gold Key and DeHoff Awards – Due January 26, 2018**

(Canton, OH) December 19, 2017 - Nominations are being accepted for the United Way of Greater Stark County (UWGSC) Community Service Leader Gold Key Awards and DeHoff Emerging Young Philanthropist Awards. Due date is Friday, January 26, 2018 at noon.

**Community Service Leader Gold Key Service Award:** For 56 years, UWGSC has recognized community leaders and volunteers for the impact they have in 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 with UWGSC's community partners or other initiatives that work toward UWGSC's Bold Goals 2020 in the areas of Health, Education, and Financial Stability. Visit [www.uwstark.org/gold-key-service-awards](http://www.uwstark.org/gold-key-service-awards) to nominate a candidate for this award.

**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 UWGSC's most dedicated campaign volunteers. Bob and Linda DeHoff have been involved in numerous fundraising initiatives benefitting the residents of Greater Stark County. The couple recently received The Association of Fundraising Professionals' Outstanding Philanthropist Award. The recipient of the DeHoff award will receive \$5,000 to be donated to a health and human services 501(c)(3) organization of the award recipient's choice. Visit [www.uwstark.org/DeHoff](http://www.uwstark.org/DeHoff) to nominate an applicant for this award.

"The Community Service Leader Gold Key or DeHoff Emerging Philanthropist Award are an ideal way to recognize a local citizen with a sincere commitment to social consciousness. They provide a yearly opportunity to honor altruistic volunteers who give generously of their time," says United Way of Greater Stark County's President & CEO Maria Heege. "We encourage everyone to nominate a friend, co-worker or family member who deserves recognition for their contribution to our community."

Both awards will be presented on March 29th during UWGSC's annual meeting at Kent State University at Stark Conference Center. Any questions regarding nominations can be directed to Daniel Jenkins, Marketing & Volunteer Engagement Coordinator at (330) 491-9953 or [daniel.jenkins@uwstark.org](mailto:daniel.jenkins@uwstark.org).

### **About United Way of Greater Stark County**

United Way of Greater Stark County fights for the Health, Education and Financial Stability of every person in every community. The agency collaborates, convenes, and partners to support programs and initiatives that break the cycle of poverty, promote a healthy community where children are successful from kindergarten through graduation to a career, and where families have the tools, skills, and support they need to become financially independent. We win by living United. Visit [www.uwstark.org](http://www.uwstark.org) for more information. Offices are located at 401 Market Avenue North, Suite 300, Canton, Ohio 44702. (330) 491-0445.

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