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Free Classes Offered at United Way of Greater Stark County's Financial Prosperity Center at OhioMeansJobs

(Canton, OH) *September 1, 2017* – United Way of Greater Stark County has scheduled a variety of classes to help local residents work toward financial stability. The classes are offered free of charge and are held at the Financial Prosperity Center at OhioMeansJobs (822 30th Street NW in Canton). Various topics include: organizing bills, how to budget for emergencies and the importance of maintaining a good credit score. A schedule of upcoming classes is available at www.OMJwork.com.

United Way of Greater Stark County's Financial Prosperity Center at OhioMeansJobs – which opened earlier this year - aligns with United Way's Financial Stability BOLD GOALS. United Way of Greater Stark County envisions a community where a cycle for financial success exists, allowing individuals and families access to build long-term, economic independence. "Our Prosperity Center is one of many initiatives developed to create pathways out of poverty that are realistic and sustainable," explains UWGSC Financial Stability Impact Director Robin Seemann. "These classes provide people with tools they can utilize to improve their financial situation, and there's no cost to participate."

"The Stark Tuscarawas Workforce Development Board is excited to partner with the United Way of Greater Stark County to provide an array of financial literacy services to customers within the OhioMeansJobs Center," says STWDB Executive Director Jennifer Meek Eells. "The financial and employment programs offered through the Prosperity Center provides job seekers as well as employed individuals tools to enhance their families' financial well-being."

Staff are available to meet with clients to help them address their financial issues. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are encouraged. More information is available at www.uwstark.org/financial-prosperity-center or (330) 491-2620. This project was made possible through funding from: The Sterling Foundation, Westfield Bank, Huntington Bank, PNC Bank, The Deuble Foundation, Internal Revenue Service and Ohio Association of Food Banks.

About United Way

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. For more information about United Way of Greater Stark County visit www.uwstark.org. Offices are at 401 Market Avenue North, Suite 300, Canton, Ohio 44702. (330) 491-0445.

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