

## NEWS RELEASE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **United Way accepting community project submissions for Day of Caring through April 6<sup>th</sup>**

(Canton, OH) March 15, 2017 – United Way’s annual Day of Caring event has connected altruistic community members with local agencies, schools and organizations in volunteer opportunities for over 24 years. Together, the partnerships create stronger neighborhoods and healthier people for a better Greater Stark County through a wide variety of service projects. Day of Caring 2017 is set for Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Huntington Bank is sponsoring the event.

Any 501(c)(3) agency may submit project proposals through April 6<sup>th</sup> at [www.uwstark.org/Day-Caring](http://www.uwstark.org/Day-Caring). Required submission information includes a short description of the project with the intention of recruiting volunteer groups. The number of anticipated volunteers needed and an estimation of work hours is also required. Agencies will need to provide equipment, supplies and materials needed for the project(s), along with a meal for the volunteers working through lunch.

All project proposals are welcome, including indoor and outdoor activities. Project ideas include painting walls at a community center, conducting mock interviews for low-income job seekers, picking up litter at a park or reading to children. There is no limit to the number of projects agencies can submit.

“Day of Caring is an opportunity to change a community through partnership in service,” said Maria Heege, President and CEO of United Way of Greater Stark County. “Agencies have the opportunity to connect with new volunteers to promote Education, Income and Health in the community through a diverse range of projects.”

Projects completed through United Way’s Day of Caring allow local agencies, schools and organizations to complete projects most groups could not undertake on their own. Every project is an opportunity for people to make connections and help our community thrive.

Volunteer registration runs April 3<sup>rd</sup> through April 17<sup>th</sup>. Groups of volunteers will view the projects registered by agencies and select the project they wish to serve with through United Way’s Volunteer Resource Center. T-shirts will be available for all volunteers May 15-18 at United Way of Greater Stark County’s offices at 401 Market Avenue North in Canton.

For more information, please contact Tracy Jeffries at 330-491-9960 or [tracy.jeffries@uwstark.org](mailto:tracy.jeffries@uwstark.org).

### **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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