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United Way of Greater Stark County's Day of Caring Event Pairs Volunteers with Local Service Projects

(Canton, OH) May 26, 2017 – Over 450 volunteers recently contributed their time and talent for United Way of Greater Stark County's Day of Caring on Friday, May 19th. The annual event has connected altruistic community members with local agencies, schools and organizations in volunteer opportunities for 25 years. Together, the partnerships create stronger neighborhoods and healthier people for a better Greater Stark County through a wide variety of service projects. Huntington Bank sponsored the event, and Liquid Custom Apparel and Gifts contributed an in-kind donation.

501(c)(3) non-profit agencies submitted project proposals to United Way of Greater Stark County (UWGSC), then were matched with volunteers. Agencies provided equipment, supplies and materials needed for the projects, along with a meal for the volunteers working through lunch. Participants included volunteers from: AultCare, Aultman Hospital, Beaver Excavating, Chesapeake Energy, Checkpoint High-Threat Solutions, Colfor Manufacturing, Dollar Bank, Friends of Stark Parks, Haines Marketing, JP Morgan Chase, Marathon Petroleum, Nationwide Insurance, Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Queen & Court, Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority, Synchrony Financial, The Timken Company, TimkenSteel, University of Akron School of Law and Walsh University.

"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 Health, Education and Financial Stability in the community through a diverse range of projects."

Service projects included painting, landscaping and cleaning. This contribution of "sweat equity" allows local agencies, schools and organizations to complete tasks most groups could not undertake on their own.

Jim Stanford, CEO of YMCA of Western Stark County, gratefully acknowledged the hard work of the volunteers. "We had a great day today. We had the group from Aultman Hospital, they were fantastic. We painted both racquetball courts, and the gym balcony floor. As well as a lot of cleaning, we rented a dumpster, and had it overflowing by noon."

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. We win by living United. By forging unlikely partnerships. By finding new solutions to old problems. By mobilizing the best resources. And by inspiring individuals to join the fight against their community's most daunting social crisis. Our mission is to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of our communities in Greater Stark County. In order to live better, we must live United. For more information about United Way of Greater Stark County visit www.uwstark.org. Headquarters are at 401 Market Avenue North, Suite 300, Canton, Ohio 44702. (330) 491-0445.