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Nominations for local volunteer recognition awards are due by March 22

(Canton, OH) March 20, 2018 – National Volunteer Week was established in 1974 to recognize our friends, neighbors, colleagues and family members who generously contribute their time and talent to help our community thrive. United Way of Greater Stark County and The Canton Repository are collaborating on a special newspaper insert to be published on April 16th, acknowledging volunteers who go above and beyond. Nominations for the volunteer awards will be accepted until Thursday, March 22, and will be reviewed by a committee comprised of editorial staff and community members. Volunteer categories include: Impact Award, Youth Volunteer Leadership, Behind-the-Scenes Volunteer, Outside the Box, Collaboration of the Year and Volunteer of the Year.

“As a non-profit, we always encourage volunteerism – at our organization, and throughout the community,” says United Way of Greater Stark County President and CEO Maria Heege. “It’s inspiring to see the imaginative ways people find to engage in service to others. These awards are a great way to thank the people who are willing to roll up their sleeves to get things done.”

It’s easy to find volunteer opportunities at United Way of Greater Stark County’s newly updated Volunteer Resource Center (VRC) webpage: www.uwstark.org/volunteer. Organizations in need of volunteers can post their opportunities there. “Besides the obvious benefits of positive community impact, volunteering is also a great way to learn new skills while meeting people who share our passions and interests.” explains UWGSC Marketing and Volunteer Engagement Coordinator Daniel Jenkins. “Research shows that workplace teams who volunteer together will benefit from professional development, increased morale and better staff retention.” Contact Daniel at daniel.jenkins@uwstark.org or (330) 491-9953 for more information on volunteering or for assistance navigating the VRC.

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. 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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