

United Way Services
of Geauga County



UNITED WAY
HELPING RIGHT HERE IN
OUR GEAUGA COUNTY
COMMUNITY!

OPEN YOUR HEART
GIVE.

LEND YOUR VOICE
ADVOCATE.

SHARE YOUR STRENGTH
VOLUNTEER.

2009 INVESTMENT GUIDE

COMMUNITY IMPACT

HOW YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE INVESTED IN OUR COMMUNITY

Imagine a community where all children grow into successful adults and all families and individuals are economically self-sufficient. That vision is the focus of the Community Impact work that United Way has developed today for a better future.

Over the years United Way Services of Geauga County has empowered people in need by engaging the caring power of communities. The hungry have been fed. The unemployed have received guidance. The sick have received care. Lives have been improved.

But that is not enough. Problems in our community continue to increase, and new issues develop daily. There are still those without access to health care, children who read or write below grade level and people without homes or jobs, leaving them with the inability to maintain financial stability. These issues affect all of us right here in our own community, where we live, work and play.

United Way works to address these needs by supporting a continuum of care, matching volunteers with meaningful activities, and improving lives through advocacy work. United Way is helping to meet the basic needs of people by promoting health and wellness, strengthening families and guiding others to attaining independence.

FOCUS AREA: PROMOTING HEALTH AND WELLNESS

The vision of the Promoting Health and Wellness Focus Area is to ensure improvement in the health status of all Geauga County residents. United Way strategically invests in programs that have a proven track record of making a positive impact in the health status of their patients. In addition, United Way believes in supporting health services for those who otherwise would not be able to afford them.

PROGRAM	AGENCY	AWARD
■ Sexual Assault Counseling	Ravenwood Mental Health Center	\$63,215
■ Comprehensive Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment	Lake-Gauga Recovery Centers, Inc.	\$40,000
■ Case Management	Catholic Charities Services of Geauga County	\$32,000
■ Outpatient Mental Health Treatment	Catholic Charities Services of Geauga County	\$15,000
▲ Chronic Disease Control	Arthritis Foundation	\$20,300
▲ Psychiatric Day Treatment	Ravenwood Mental Health Center	\$8,500
● Create Your Weight	University Hospitals – Geauga Medical Center	\$40,000
▲ Medical Care for the Uninsured	Lake County Free Medical Clinic	\$10,000

Total \$229,015

Continuum of Care

- **Basic Needs and Crisis Services** – Programs that furnish survival level resources – food, housing, material goods, transportation and temporary financial assistance for low and fixed-income, indigent, or elderly people or people with disabilities who are otherwise unable to adequately provide for themselves and their families.
- ▲ **Prevention Services** – Programs that promote and enhance health and wellness within the community.
- **Long Term Community Impact** – Collaborative efforts that result in an improved quality of life for the community.

FOCUS AREA: ATTAINING INDEPENDENCE

United Way is working to ensure that individuals and families can secure basic needs of food, clothing and shelter; learn to manage money and save for home ownership; maintain health and dignity while aging; and increase independence when faced with a disability.

United Way is committed to helping people improve their financial stability by reaching out to the community to teach families and individuals how to increase their income, build savings, and grow assets. United Way's goal is to help these individuals enjoy a financially stable life as well as the ability to work towards attaining stable housing, post-secondary education workforce training, entrepreneurship, or retirement.

PROGRAM	AGENCY	AWARD
■ Individualized Counseling	WomenSafe, Inc.	\$15,000
■ Information & Referral	2-1-1 First Call For Help	\$90,000
■ Emergency Shelter	WomenSafe, Inc.	\$39,442
■ Case Management – Strategies for Life	Chagrin Falls Park Community Center	\$8,200
■ Vocational Rehabilitation	Ravenwood Mental Health Center	\$25,000
● Senior Assessment	University Hospitals Extended Care Campus	\$27,000
● Adopt-A-Home	Habitat for Humanity	\$10,000

Total \$214,642

FOCUS AREA: STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

Families are the building blocks of strong communities. But the challenges of today's world can place plenty of stress on family relationships. And when families reach the breaking point, it is often the children that are hurt the most. Getting help to families before a crisis occurs is the best way to keep them strong and together. That's why United Way programs provide parenting classes, family counseling and youth development programs. The programs that United Way funds help by improving family relationships, improving parenting skills and increasing the social and life skills of Geauga County youth.

PROGRAM	AGENCY	AWARD
■ Child Care	Chardon Community Day Care	\$50,000
▲ Youth Development	Chagrin Falls Park Community Center	\$46,200
▲ Adult-Child Mentoring	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Ohio	\$68,000
▲ Therapeutic Camp for Disabled Children	Camp Sue Osborn	\$15,000
▲ Youth Development	Boy Scouts of America, Greater Western Reserve Council	\$20,000
▲ Youth Development – Summer Programming	Chagrin Falls Park Community Center	\$8,800
▲ Youth Development	Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio	\$10,000
■ Emergency Grant	Gauga Family First Council	\$22,000
		Total \$240,000

MISSION: United Way Services of Geauga County unites people and resources to improve lives.

United Way Services of Geauga County in partnership with United Way of Greater Cleveland

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YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

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Chardon, OH 44024
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2-1-1 is a program of United Way Services of Geauga County and also receives funding from the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging – Title III-B and Job and Family Services of Geauga County.



“I believe in the importance of being involved in my community. I **LIVE UNITED** by working with our United Way to unite people and resources to improve lives.”
Mimi Bathgate, *Russell Resident (left)*

“I **LIVE UNITED** to give back to the community that gave me so much. People who are able to give, should want to give. I try to pass this along to my children so they will carry on with the volunteering.”
Eugene Iacona, *UPS, Chesterland Resident (center)*

“**LIVE UNITED** by starting with your family and showing them how to help others – you quickly realize that it’s just a way of life to serve. I don’t feel whole unless I’m serving my community in some way.”
Claudia Toth, *Chardon Resident (right)*

YOUR INVESTMENT MATTERS...and stays right here in Gauga County!



Nearly 83¢ of every dollar
is invested in our community

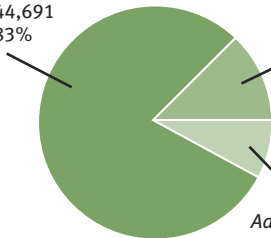
Less than 17¢ goes to fund raising
and administrative costs

**THANK
YOU**

*Community
Distributions*
\$844,691
83%

Fundraising
\$97,117
10%

Administrative
\$74,531
7%



YOUTH FUND DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

Each year the Youth Fund Distribution Committee (YFDC) brings together high school students from across Geauga County who want to make a difference in their community.

THE GOALS OF THE YFDC ARE TO:

- Provide high school students with hands-on experience in solving community problems.
- Teach students how to stretch limited dollars to have the greatest community impact.
- Provide a challenging opportunity and instill a spirit of volunteerism in our future adult leaders.

YFDC FISCAL YEAR 2010 GRANTS

AGENCY	PROJECT	AWARD
Chagrin Falls Park Community Center	Summer Day Camp	\$3,000
DDC Clinic for Special Needs Children	The Children's Fund	\$5,000
Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center	Riderships	\$5,000
The Littlest Heroes	Art for Children's Sake	\$5,000
Tim's House, Inc.	Craft Supplies	\$500
WomenSafe, Inc.	Violence Free Dating: A Prevention Program	\$1,500
		Total \$20,000

"I enjoy the YFDC program because it is made up of great people who want to make a difference in the community. It brings teens together who want to help health and human service organizations. What we do in YFDC can change and even save the lives of many people in the surrounding area. This program is very important to me because I believe that I am setting a good example by helping others and not just myself."

James Marsic - Ledgemont High School