



United Way of Lake County Progress Report

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Mark Your Calendars Now!

August 18

Campaign Kickoff at Mentor High School's gymnasium:
7:30 a.m.

August 28

Ladies & Gentlemen Vs. John Robert's Charity Fundraiser
Classic Park
4:00 p.m.
(see details below)

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August 2011

LIVE UNITED I DO. DO YOU?



Welcome to our 2011 Campaign Co-chairs Jacqueline Hoynes, Ph.D., Superintendent of Mentor Schools, and Kevin Lynch, Director of External Affairs at AT&T.

The 2011 campaign theme is **LIVE UNITED. I DO. DO YOU?** We're excited to co-chair this year's campaign, and we invite you to join us at our kickoff on **Thursday, August 18** at a **NEW LOCATION: Mentor High School's gym!**

To LIVE UNITED means to make a difference in whatever way works for you ... whether it's donating a bag of groceries to Feed Lake County or volunteering on a committee to help decide where your dollars go.

Watch this space for updates on upcoming campaign events!

***"To the world you may be just one person, but to one person you may be the world."* ... Brandi Snyder**

Fiscal Year 2012 Funding Allocations Approved

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Bill Taylor
Evaluation and
Investment
Committee Chair

At it's last board meeting, United Way of Lake County's Board of Directors approved allocations to core programs, Solutions Panels, Youth United Way, 2-1-1 and other community initiatives.

"The funds are distributed to 74 programs across Lake County covering five different categories including programs for children, senior citizens, basic needs, health services and health counseling," said Bill Taylor, chair of the Evaluation & Investment Committee. "Overall, allocations saw a one percent increase from last year."

Top 10 Core Program Funded Agencies in Fiscal Year 2012

1. Salvation Army Citadel, \$173,211
2. Lake County YMCA, \$169,678
3. Lake-Geauga Recovery Center, \$145,300
4. Lake County Free Medical Clinic, \$132,005
5. Western Reserve Counseling, \$100,000
6. Forbes House, \$89,000
7. Big Brothers Big Sisters NEO, \$87,972
8. American Red Cross - Lake County Chapter, \$85,050
9. Neighboring Mental Health Services, \$77,020
10. Boy Scouts of the Greater Western Reserve, \$75,020

Top 10 Funded Programs in Fiscal Year 2012

1. Clinic Program (Free Medical Clinic), \$114,862
2. Counseling (Western Reserve Counseling), \$100,000
3. Family Scholarships (Lake County YMCA), \$93,200
4. Shelter from Domestic Violence (Forbes House), \$89,000
5. Child Care (Child Care on the Square), \$64,080
6. Health Safety Services (American Red Cross), \$63,450
7. Emergency Assistance (Salvation Army Citadel), \$61,500
8. Transitional Housing (New Directions for Living), \$60,000
9. Homeless Shelter (Project Hope), \$59,600
10. Counseling (Neighboring), \$59,020

**Ladies & Gentlemen Salon Spa Vs. John Roberts Spa
Charity Softball Fundraiser
Sunday, August 28 at Classic Park ... 4:00 p.m.**

LADIES & GENTLEMEN
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Come out to Classic Park in Eastlake on August 28 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and watch Ladies & Gentlemen Salon Spa and John Roberts Spa compete for charity!

Staff from both spa's will compete against each other, and the BIG WINNERS are United Way of Lake County and Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital.

Every \$5 ticket sold by Ladies & Gentlemen goes directly to United Way of Lake County. John Robert's ticket sales go to Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital.



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to order your tickets today!

Meet Our New Board Members

Sheriff Dan Dunlap

Hometown: Concord, Ohio

I attended Kent State University and State University of New York at Fredonia. I also earned college credits at the University of Virginia while graduating from the FBI National Academy. I also graduated from the Ohio Peace Officers Police Basic School and the Ohio Sheriff's Training. I have more than 1,000 hours of specialized law enforcement training.



Giving back to the community is an opportunity to rely on some of my acquired talents to help people at a local level and maintain a strong sense of human compassion.

I live in a home my parents bought in 1952 in Concord. It is a

century home built in 1824. My wife and I have three children and four grandchildren.

I joined the United Way board because, as a law enforcement officer, I see firsthand the many needs in our community. We deal with those losing their homes and those who have no home. We deal with families in crisis and families in need. United Way assists both the agencies that provide a helping hand and the individuals and families who need it. I believe United Way is needed more now and is more valuable than ever. I hope that I can provide insights to the board that they might not consider or be aware of otherwise. Maybe I can be another set of eyes, ears and heart for the community and the board.

Elizabeth Harwood, STERIS Corporation
Hometown: Cleveland, Ohio

I have a BA from Baldwin-Wallace College and an MS from Northwestern University in Business Managerial Communication. I've been in the human resources field for 20 years.



I'd like to contribute to United Way of Lake County in any way that I am able. During the past several months, I've had the opportunity to work with a number of the staff. I'm extremely impressed with their dedication to the organization and the causes the organization serves.

Often we are informed and reminded of people in need in distant places. Our compassion is ignited and we provide help. But we often forget about those in need in our own neighborhoods. I believe United Way has done a very good job of reminding us to keep an eye open for people close to us in proximity who may need our help but might not ask. I've gained the perspective that giving back to the community is a job that belongs to all of us. Giving to United Way is one way to do that. Being a responsible neighbor and member of the community who is willing to help is equally as powerful. United Way has helped me to see that.

Robert Lee, Lincoln Electric
Hometown: Akron, Ohio

I hold a BS in Mechanical Engineering from



Cornell University in Ithaca, New York and an MBA from the Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

I chose to serve on United Way's board because, having lived in Lake County for most of my adult life, I feel aligned with the United Way of Lake County's philosophy that money raised here stays here to improve the quality of people's lives in Lake County.

Giving back to the community means an opportunity to rely on some of my acquired talents to help people at a local level and maintain a strong sense of human compassion.

Jodi Littman Tomaszewski, Dworken & Bernstein Co., LPA
Hometown: New Athens, Ohio

I hold a BA in Economics, Political Science and Sociology from Case Western Reserve University and a Juris Doctor from Case Western Reserve School of Law.



I chose to serve on United Way's board because I believe in the organization. I served as a co-chair of the attorney division on the Campaign Cabinet in 2010 and 2011. I was truly amazed at the amount of money that was raised and the wide range of community programs that benefited from that money. I am proud to be associated with an organization that makes a difference in so many peoples' lives.

I grew up in a small coal mining town in the 1970s. With the Clean Air Act, the mines began to shut down and unemployment skyrocketed to more than 25 percent. I witnessed firsthand the hardships of good, hardworking families not being able to make ends meet. However, I also witnessed neighbors and communities coming together to provide for those most in need. This really instilled in me that giving back is not just an option -- it's a way of life.

Dr. Paul Vanek
Hometown: Tuscarora, PA

I have a BA in Molecular Biology from Haverford College in Philadelphia and an M.D. with Distinction in Research at the University



of Rochester, School of Medicine and Dentistry, Rochester, NY.

I choose to serve on United Way's board because I feel an obligation as a citizen of Lake County to give back to the community. From whom much is given, much is expected.

Giving back to the community means a commitment of my own financial contribution and my time as a multiplier to facilitate others to give generously.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Need Help? Get Help ... Call 2-1-1

United Way of Lake County

Contact: [Gayle Sikula](#) at 440.639.1082

Need: Volunteer Receptionist, Monday - Friday ongoing.
Description: Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. or sometime during those hours. Could be 5 days a week or less - hours are flexible. Duties include answering phones, greeting guests, some computer work as needed, assisting with mailings, making copies, possible shredding, tracking outside groups meeting in building.

Arthritis Foundation

Contact: [Angie Smith](#) at 216.831.7000, ext. 104

Need: Volunteers to walk in the 2011 Fall Arthritis Walk, Sunday, October 2, 2011, Lake Metroparks Farmpark in Kirtland.

Crossroads

Contact: [Michele Ridella](#) at 440.255.1700

Need: Grounds keeping and facility maintenance - must be able to work in different weather environments and assist with basic facility needs.

Also need a grant writer/marketing assistant to assist with projects and grant proposals.

Hospice of the Western Reserve

Contact: Kathleen Patrick, 216.383.3737, ext. 3451

Need: Volunteers to provide care and support of Hospice patients and their families in this area. The orientation series will be on Saturdays in September at Notre Dame Education Center in Chardon.

Lake-Geauga Recovery Centers

Contact: [Melanie Blasko](#) at 440.205.2674

Need: Volunteers interested in sitting on the organization's board of directors. Board members show interest in and support of their mission, which is to "Provide superior prevention, outpatient and residential services to individuals and families affected by alcoholism, substance abuse or mental health concerns regardless of the ability to pay and consistent with 12-step programs."

Mentor Senior Center

Contact: Cathy Jo Kaiser at 440.974.5725

Need: Volunteers to assist with preparing and serving lunch Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Neighboring

Contact: [Spence Kline](#) at 440.639.3519

Golf Fundraiser Committee volunteers needed. The committee meets once per month and the next event is Thursday, June 7, 2012 at Madison Country Club. The event raises funds to help Neighboring provide mental health services to Lake County.

United Way of Lake County's Mission

To measurably improve the quality of people's lives in Lake County.

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