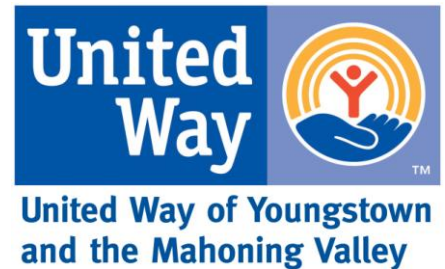


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Over 100 Students Participate in United Way Youth Day of Caring Event Sponsored by Farmers National Bank

The tenth annual United Way Youth Day of Caring took place on Saturday, April 16 from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. The event was sponsored by Farmers National Bank. Other sponsors included Panera Bread, Wedgewood Pizza, Coca-Cola, Sam's Club and Ink'n Thread Works.

The United Way Youth Day of Caring is an annual community service project in which student groups from area high schools participate by completing outdoor and indoor clean-up projects, odd jobs, and other activities for area non-profit social service agencies. This year, over 100 students completed service projects at 12 different community sites.

Students from Cardinal Mooney NHS and Service Club, Poland Seminary High School Leadership Group, Stambaugh Charter Academy, St. Joseph the Provider Track Team, Struthers High School NHS, United Way Young Leaders Society, Ursuline High School Interact Club and The Youngstown Connection participated.

The students completed much needed community service projects at the following sites: Boulevard Park Block Watch, Burdman Group, Lien Forward Ohio Regional Council of Governments, Neighborhood Ministries – Kirwan Center, OH WOW! Children's Center for Science and Technology, Park Vista, Ursuline Sisters HIV Ministry (Casa Madre), Youngstown

City Scape, Youngstown Hearing and Speech Center, YMCA, Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation, and YWCA of Youngstown – Discovery Place West.

The students assembled at 8 a.m. at the YMCA in Downtown Youngstown for breakfast and an overview of the day. They then departed for their assigned locations to complete their projects. The students met back at the YMCA at noon for lunch and to share their experiences and recap the day.

ABOUT GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY

Global Youth Service Day is an acknowledgment of the energy, effort and volunteer service that many young people give to their schools, churches and communities all year. Global Youth Service Day is the largest service event in the world. It aims to mobilize youth to identify and address the needs of their communities through service; recruit the next generation of volunteers; and educate the public about the year-round contributions of young people as community leaders. Global Youth Service Day, hosted by Youth Service America, in partnership with the National Youth Leadership Council, Parade Magazine, and over sixty national partners, is the world's largest collaboration for a single service event.

ABOUT THE UNITED WAY OF YOUNGSTOWN AND THE MAHONING VALLEY

The United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley seeks to be the driving force behind sustained improvement in the lives of all our citizens through initiatives that promote education, income and health. Currently twenty seven nonprofit agencies are partners with the United Way of the Youngstown and Mahoning Valley and through that partnership; the United Way distributes funds for over seventy programs that the partnering agencies oversee. In addition to funding our agencies we have created several initiatives that are having a positive impact on the community.

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