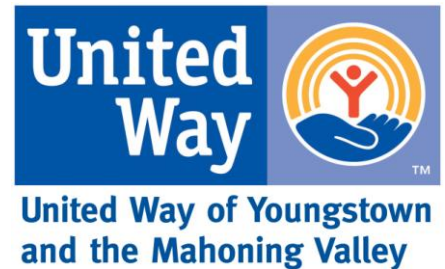


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## **United Way Youth Day of Caring This Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> Over 225 Students to Participate**

The ninth annual United Way Youth Day of Caring will be held this Saturday, April 24 from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. The event is sponsored by Farmers National Bank. Other sponsors include Panera Bread, Wedgewood Pizza, Coca-Cola, Sam's Club and Ink'n Thread.

The United Way Youth Day of Caring is an annual community service project in which student groups from area high schools participate by completing tasks, odd jobs, and other activities for area non-profit social service agencies. This year, over 225 students will be completing service projects at 14 different community sites.

Students from Boardman High School Interact Club, Cardinal Mooney NHS and Service Club, Chaney High School Key Club, Early Childhood Student Association at YSU, Jackson Milton SADD/Key Club, Poland Seminary High School NHS and Leadership Group, South Range High School, Struthers High School NHS, and The Youngstown Connection are scheduled to participate as well as volunteers from the Integrity Beauty Women of Excellence and WellPoint employees.

The students will be completing much needed community service projects at the following sites: Burdman Group Inc., Children's Center for Science and Technology, Grow Youngstown,

Humility House, Lien Forward Ohio Regional Council of Governments and the V&M Clean-Up Project, Neighborhood Ministries – Kirwan Center, Neighborhood Ministries – Rockford Center, Neighborhood Ministries – West Side, Park Vista, United Way “6 Wishes for Success” Project, Ursuline Sisters HIV Ministry (Casa Madre), Youngstown City Scape, Youngstown Hearing and Speech Center, and YWCA of Youngstown – Discovery Place West.

The students will assemble at 8 a.m. at the YMCA in Downtown Youngstown for breakfast and an overview of the day. They will then depart for their assigned locations to complete their projects. The students will meet back at the YMCA at noon for lunch and to share their experiences and re-cap the day.

### **ABOUT NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY**

National 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. National 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. National 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**

In existence since 1919, the United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley is a non-profit organization that raises and distributes funds to over 70 programs of 27 local health and service agencies. Each year, approximately one out of every four people in the Mahoning Valley receives services from a United Way-funded agency. The mission of the United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley is to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of the Mahoning Valley.

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