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PRESS RELEASE

United Way Invests \$3.2 million Back Into Local Community

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(Youngstown, OH) - On May 9th, the United Way Board of Directors approved funding of \$3,296,712 to United Way-led initiatives and programs run by local non-profit agencies. This is the most money invested back into the community by United Way thanks to the generosity of our donors and the organization's ability to secure 21st Century Grants. The United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley follows the Community Impact model that focuses on the areas of Early Childhood Education and Emergency Services.

"The Mahoning Valley is fortunate to have strong agencies that provide crucial programs and services that strengthen our community and affect our most important assets, our fellow citizens." said Julie Smith, United Way Board Member and Impact Committee Chair, "We are also appreciative of the dedication of our volunteers who spend countless hours, reviewing funding requests and agencies to ensure that donors' contributions are invested most wisely."

Volunteers from Mahoning County made up the two impact panels. Experts in the field of Education and Emergency Services spent hundreds of hours combined, evaluating proposals and visiting numerous agencies that applied for program funding. In order to be good stewards of the donors' money, the panel members stressed they strictly adhered to the guidelines set forth by the United Way, and were consistent when ranking the proposals.

"Our United Way wants to break down the barriers that many of the students, families, and individuals face every day here in the Valley." said Bob Hannon, President of the United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley, "We believe the focus areas of Early Childhood Education and Emergency Services is the best way we can address the ongoing needs of our neighbors in need as well as provide them resources that will allow them to achieve success."

More than \$1.1 million was awarded to non-profit agencies for their programs that align under Emergency Services and Early Childhood Education. Several of these agencies could receive additional dollars through their partnership and programming offered

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under United Way's Success After 6 initiative, which will expand from 8 to 12 schools under this funding cycle. In 2015, Success After 6 launched at the Youngstown Community School with the goal to provide additional resources to the students and their families. This includes academic support, enrichment programs, health screenings, and social - emotional support.

The cornerstone to Success After 6 is an afterschool program in each of the schools that will help up to 870 students during the 2018-2019 school year who struggle academically, socially, behaviorally, or a combination of the three. United Way will partner with five school districts next school year, Youngstown Community School, Youngstown City Schools, Girard City Schools, Liberty Local Schools, and Campbell City Schools. United Way works closely with school administrators to identify the children for the afterschool program, which provides the additional time and resources to help the students build and refine essential skills that are needed for success in the classroom.

Success After 6 also serves the entire school population by providing additional resources throughout the school day. These support services include Report Card Mentoring, food pantries, vision screenings, parent engagement and enrichment opportunities, social-emotional support, and tutoring programs based on the individual school's needs. Under this initiative, United Way serves as the backbone bringing together other non-profit agencies, the business community, educators, Youngstown State University, and medical professionals to serve the needs of the children and families right in the school setting.

Other United Way led initiatives funded in this cycle include Success By 6, Imagination Library, Young Women's Mentorship, and Promising Men's Mentorship. Success By 6, a pre-kindergarten readiness program started in 2009, continues to grow and will serve nearly 750 children at 25 school sites this summer.

Imagination Library allows 5,000 children, ages birth to five, to receive free books each month. Through a partnership with the Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County and area school districts, Imagination Library also provides literacy education programming to children and parents.

Two mentorship initiatives also receive funding. The Young Women's Mentorship Program focuses on girls in middle school and pairs them with mentors. It aims to connect girls with positive female role models, address social and emotional issues relevant to adolescent girls, and prepare them for success in the classroom. This occurs in 3 schools, Boardman Center Middle School, Youngstown Taft Elementary School, and Youngstown Williamson Elementary School. The Promising Men Mentorship program focuses on pairing minority males in the community with male middle school students. The men meet with the students once a week at the Youngstown Community School to provide leadership and academic encouragement.

A breakdown of the 2018 Investment is attached. For more information on United Way led initiatives and partner agencies, please visit our website at www.ymvunitedway.org.

UNITED WAY OF YOUNGSTOWN AND THE MAHONING VALLEY 2018 INVESTMENTS

PARTNER AGENCY	TOTAL
ACLD Learning Center	\$ 14,797
Alta Behavioral Healthcare	\$10,336
American Red Cross	\$45,529
Apprisen	\$6,790
Area Agency on Aging 11	\$39,000
Beatitude House	\$ 34,099
Big Brothers Big Sisters	\$ 20,636
Boy Scouts of America, Great Trail Council	\$ 12,201
Boys & Girls Club of Youngstown	\$ 62,028
Carter House	\$15,000
Catholic Charities Regional Agency	\$ 46,824
Community Legal Aid Services, Inc.	\$ 8,000
Compass Family & Community Services	\$ 61,805
Girl Scouts of North East Ohio	\$ 10,084
Help Network of Northeast Ohio	\$31,899
Humility of Mary Housing/Emmanuel Community Care Center	\$ 7,000
Interfaith Home Maintenance Service, Inc.	\$ 37,156
JCC Youngstown	\$7,000
Jewish Family Services	\$ 37,750
Mahoning Valley Dispute Resolution Services, Inc.	\$8,000
Mahoning Youngstown Community Action Partnership	\$16,000
Millcreek Children's Center	\$ 17,744
Heart Reach Neighborhood Ministries	\$ 33,424

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OH WOW! The Rogers & Gloria Jones Children's Center	\$26,471
Organization Civica y Cultural Hispanic American, Inc. ("OCCHA, Inc.")	\$ 10,382
Potential Development Program	\$ 58,336
Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley	\$69,915
The Rich Center for Autism	\$ 41,519
The Salvation Army	\$ 48,334
United Methodist Community Center	\$ 26,068
Western Reserve Public Media	\$15,000
YMCA of Youngstown	\$50,633
Youngstown Area Goodwill Industries, Inc.	\$ 65,130
Youngstown Hearing and Speech - Easer Seals of Mahoning, Trumbull, Columbiana Counties	\$ 15,463
Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation	\$25,500
YWCA of Youngstown	\$ 84,752
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDING	\$1,120,605

UNITED WAY EDUCATION INITIATIVES	\$1,940,898
Success By 6	\$240,900
Imagination Library	\$140,000
Success After 6	\$434,773
Success After 6 - 21st Century Grants	\$1,000,000
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA)	\$40,375
Impact Events for Children and Families	\$73,350
Young Women's Mentorship	\$ 8,500
Promising Men Mentorship	\$3,000
DONOR CHOICE DESIGNATIONS TO AREA 501c3 ORGANIZATIONS AND UNITED WAYS	\$235,210
TOTAL INVESTMENT	\$3,296,712