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## **NEWS RELEASE**

# **Huntington Bank and United Way Provide Back to School Supplies to Students in Need**

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(Youngstown, OH) - Huntington Bank is giving away nearly 1,000 backpacks throughout Mahoning, Trumbull, Columbiana and Mercer Counties to help children get ready for the 2018-2019 school year. The giveaway is part of Huntington's annual backpack initiative in partnership with the United Way, WFMJ, Cocca's Pizza and Great Clips "Stuff the Bus" program.

"We are honored to participate in Stuff the Bus for the eighth consecutive year. At Huntington, we see it as our responsibility to look out for people. There's a common bond that connects us all as humans, and together, we can make this world better. Even helping someone in a small way can have a huge impact," said Huntington Bank Regional President of the Canton and Mahoning Valley Regions, William C. Shivers. "We proudly continue our initiative with the United Way to ensure, in the face of ever rising costs, local families have the supplies for their children to successfully begin the new school year. Absolutely nothing is more important than building the foundation for a bright future for our youth," Shivers concluded.

"Stuff the Bus" will take place at **Huntington Bank, 23 Federal Plaza West, Youngstown 44503 on Wednesday, August 22 at 9:30 a.m.** Distribution in the designated counties will take place after August 22.

"When children head back to school, they need to be prepared. If their parents or guardians can't afford to get all the supplies they need, then they automatically start behind their peers on day one." said Bob Hannon, United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley President, "All of the United Ways in our area step up to help the students and families get what they need each year. But at United Way we know change doesn't happen alone. We must live united. So we are so thankful to these partners for joining us to break down the barriers to success."

Huntington Bank's President of the Canton and Mahoning Valley Regions, **William C. Shivers** as well as the Presidents and representatives of the local United Ways will be available for interviews at the "Stuff the Bus" site.

Huntington Bank has been partnering with local nonprofits for eight years to distribute backpacks to low- and moderate-income children as they get ready to go back to school.

Photo ops available at the "Stuff the Bus" site on August 22, 2018.

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