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NEWS RELEASE

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20th Annual United Way Day of Caring Expects Record Number of Volunteers

(Youngstown, OH) - A record turnout is expected for the United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley's 20th Annual Day of Caring. More than 800 volunteers from 80 local businesses and organizations will take part in the volunteer day, sponsored by Huntington Bank and Hometown Pharmacy, on **Friday, September 1st**.

The Day of Caring will also kick off the United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley's 2017 annual campaign. United Way will announce its campaign goal at a breakfast, which starts at 8:00 am at the Covelli Centre. Then at 9:00 am the volunteers will head off to their projects.

BREAKFAST:

When: Friday, September 1st.

8:00 AM

Where: Covelli Centre

VOLUNTEER PROJECTS:

When: 9:00 AM

Where: Various Locations (attached)

Since 2014, the number of people volunteering for the Day of Caring doubled from 400 to 800.

"This year's turnout is an amazing testament to the generosity of our Valley. Hundreds of volunteers are coming out on the Friday of Labor Day weekend to make Youngstown and the Mahoning County a better place to live," said Bob Hannon, President of the United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley, "By partnering with the City of Youngstown, Green Youngstown, and the Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation (YNDC) we are able to make a significant impact in just a few hours on one day. "

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More than five hundred of the volunteers will spend the day on the city's East Side working along the Oak Street in neighborhoods between Albert Street and Landsdowne Boulevard. The City of Youngstown and its employees play a major role in the cleanup efforts with many of its work crews as well as the Youngstown Police Department assisting the volunteers.

"Thank you to the United Way and the Day of Caring volunteers for participating in this 20th Annual Day of Caring." said Mayor John McNally of the City of Youngstown, "Helping to clean up and beautify Oak Street, our major East Side Corridor, will dovetail greatly with the Joseph Family's Chill Can project, as well as improvement work being done by the North East Home Owners Association, East High School volunteers and by church groups in this area."

The hundreds of Day of Caring participants will focus their efforts on vacant properties and sidewalk clean up to make these areas passable for residents.

"The Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation is proud to partner with the United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley, American Red Cross, and City of Youngstown for the fifth year to fight blight and improve city neighborhoods." said Ian Beniston, Executive Director of YNDC, "Our work this year, in partnership with the Northeast Homeowners, Second Ward Councilman T.J. Rodgers and many East Side stakeholders, will improve Oak Street and Himrod Avenue, two major gateways to the East Side. We look forward to another action filled workday with hundreds of volunteers!"

The American Red Cross is once again partnering with United Way, YNDC, and the City of Youngstown to help reduce the risk of fires in homes.

"Sound the alarm is another way the Red Cross and United Way are working together to make our community safer. Thanks to support from United Way the Red Cross will install free alarms in homes that need them." said Karen Conklin, Executive Director of the Red Cross, "The Day of Caring is a start on the Eastside to help reduce fire injuries and fatalities. If you need a smoke alarm please contact the Red Cross or United Way for information."

Anyone wanting a free smoke alarms should contact the Red Cross by calling 330-392-2551.

Lowe's is a major sponsor, donating tools, supplies, as well volunteers necessary for to get the job done. Green Youngstown also partnered with United Way and YNDC to help make this project a reality. The volunteers will use R.U.B.Y. (**R**evitalization and **U**rban **B**eautification of **Y**oungstown). R.U.B.Y. is a valuable tool available to residents or volunteer groups looking to do a clean up or beautification project. The trailer contains tools and cleanup supplies that can be borrowed for free for projects within the City of Youngstown.

The rest of the volunteers are assigned to projects at 18 different non-profit agencies, such as Potential Development, YWCA, and Youngstown CityScape. They will help these non-profits with landscaping projects, clean up efforts, and remodeling.

Title sponsors for the Day of Caring are Huntington Bank and Hometown Pharmacy. Other major sponsors include Lowe's of Boardman and Niles, Masonry Materials Plus, Republic Services, Wolford's Rolloff, and Youngstown City Councilman T.J. Rodgers. These sponsors also helped make the Day of Caring possible: AFL-CIO Union Counselors, AIM Transportation Solutions, Akron Children's Hospital Mahoning Valley, Community Corrections Association, Dearing Compressor and Pump, Mercy Health, Dom's Ice House, Royal Oaks, Sam's Club, Simon Roofing, Wedgewood Pizza, Western Reserve Building Trades, Whitehouse Fruit Farms, Better Business Bureau, and Four Seasons Flea Market.

2016 Day of Caring Project Locations

| AGENCY | ADDRESS | CITY | STATE | ZIP |
|--|---------------------------|------------|-------|-------|
| Beatitude House | 145 N. Glenellen | Youngstown | OH | 44509 |
| Boy Scouts | 3712 Leffingwell Rd. | Canfield | OH | 44406 |
| Boys and Girls Club of Youngstown | 2105 Oak Hill Ave. | Youngstown | OH | 44507 |
| Catholic Charities Regional Agency | 319 W. Rayen Ave. | Youngstown | OH | 44502 |
| Easter Seals of Mahoning Trumbull and Columbiana County | 299 Edwards St. | Youngstown | OH | 44502 |
| Emmanuel Community Care Center | 2 N. State St. | Girard | OH | 44420 |
| Goodwill Industries | 2747 Belmont Ave. | Youngstown | OH | 44505 |
| Habitat For Humanity of Mahoning Valley | 480 Youngstown-Poland Rd. | Struthers | OH | 44471 |
| Habitat For Humanity of Mahoning Valley | 4271 Lake Road | Austintown | OH | 44511 |
| Habitat For Humanity of Mahoning Valley | 352 Woodbine Rd. | Struthers | OH | 44471 |
| Millcreek Children's Center | 44 Essex St. | Youngstown | OH | 44502 |
| OH WOW! | 11 W. Federal St. | Youngstown | OH | 44503 |
| Potential Development - Elementary School | 880 E. Indianola Ave. | Youngstown | OH | 44502 |
| Potential Development - High School | 2405 Market St. | Youngstown | OH | 44507 |
| Potential Development - Preschool | 209 W. Woodland | Youngstown | OH | 44502 |
| Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley | 2805 Salt Springs Rd. | Youngstown | OH | 44509 |
| United Methodist Community Center | 2401 Belmont Ave. | Youngstown | OH | 44505 |
| Youngstown CityScope | Downtown Youngstown | Youngstown | OH | |
| YWCA of Youngstown | 25 W. Rayen Ave. | Youngstown | OH | 44503 |
| YNDC Work Area 1 - Starting Point | 2550 Erie Street | Youngstown | OH | |
| YNDC Work Area 2 - Starting Point | 2326 Market St. | Youngstown | OH | |
| YNDC Work Area 3 - Starting Point | 358 W. Princeton Ave | Youngstown | OH | |
| YNDC Work Area 4 - Starting Point | 3107 Market St. | Youngstown | OH | |
| YNDC Work Area 5 - Starting Point | 3600 Market St. | Youngstown | OH | |