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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley Chosen by Staples Associate to Receive \$500 Grant**

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**Youngstown, OH** – United Way of Youngstown has been awarded \$500 by the Staples Foundation, the private charitable arm of Staples, Inc., through a program called *2 Million & Change* that allows Staples associates around the globe to direct more than \$2 million in donations each year. Local Staples associate Angela Boyd recommended United Way's Success After 6 program to the foundation for consideration

"Our United Way provides essential wrap-around services and academic support to children and families in our community, but we can't do this work alone," said Bob Hannon, President of the United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley, "We are thankful for the support of the Staples Foundation. When businesses like Staples step up to help, we all benefit."

Created in 2012, the *2 Million & Change* program is a philanthropic initiative which allows Staples associates around the world to direct funding to non-profit organizations focused on academic education or job skills. The program encourages local community engagement by awarding larger grants to organizations where associates are highly engaged in volunteering or fundraising – up to \$25,000 per organization.

In 2015, Staples awarded more than \$2.5 million in grants to 875 local organizations in support of education and job skills programs, including job readiness for homeless individuals, career exploration for high school students, academic scholarships, mentoring and more.

"For 30 years, Staples associates have been making a difference in their communities around the world," said Regis Mulot, chief human resources officer, Staples, Inc., "We're thrilled that the *2 Million & Change* program lets our associates make an even greater impact on the organizations they are passionate about."

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**About United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley**

We are dedicated to create positive change by collaborating with partners to educate and empower children and families in the Mahoning Valley.

**About Staples Community and Giving**

Staples contributes to educational and job-related community efforts with a primary focus on disadvantaged youth, from literacy and mentoring to career skills development, through in-kind and monetary donations and grants from Staples Foundation, the private charitable arm of Staples, Inc. Through its community and giving efforts, Staples has helped thousands of organizations in 26 countries. For more information, visit [www.staples.com/community](http://www.staples.com/community).