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PRESS RELEASE

United Way Opens Funding Process

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(Youngstown, OH) - Beginning today, the United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley will open its funding process to any non-profit organization delivering Education and Emergency services in Mahoning County and in Girard, Liberty and Hubbard in Trumbull County. The United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley will create positive change by collaborating with partners to educate and empower children and families in the Mahoning Valley.

"By following the lead of United Way Worldwide and working with our community partners on focused IMPACT areas, we will continue to create powerful collaborations to address our Valley's specific issues while providing comprehensive services and measureable results for those in need." said Bob Hannon, President of United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley, "We look forward to receiving program proposals that establish strategies that meet the needs of our community in the areas of Education and Emergency Services."

Non-profit organizations who wish to apply for funding through United Way should visit www.ymvunitedway.org for planning documents that outline the focus areas and strategies. **Any agencies with programs not currently receiving funding who wish to apply must submit a Letter of Intent or LOI.** The details for the LOI can be found on the United Way website. Current programs funded by the United Way are NOT required to submit an LOI. The Letter of Intent must be submitted no later than November 3, 2017 to Trina Benson, Director of Community Impact via email: tbenson@ymvunitedway.org. The Letter of Intent must include:

- Organization description
- Statement of Need
- Proposed Program
- Other Funding Sources

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For all accepted new agencies and current partner agencies, Grant Applications will be open via an online system, on November 20, 2017 and will close on January 19, 2018. Applications will not be accepted after the deadline. Anyone interested in receiving more information on the requirements and process may contact Trina Benson at the United Way office at 330.746.8494 or visit the United Way website at www.ymvunitedway.org.

Organizations must meet the following eligibility guidelines and have available for review:

- By-laws
- Affirmative action policy/non-discrimination policies
- Directors and Officers Insurance
- Liability Insurance
- Board approved fiscal policies and procedures
- Board approved personnel policies and procedures handbook
- Articles of Incorporation

In addition, organizations must be able to document that the agency:

- Is governed by a voluntary board of directors consisting of members from the general community.
- Has at least one full-time exempt staff person.
- Has been in business for at least 2 years.
- Is committing some of its own resources to the program.
- Has an outcome measurement system.
- Will conduct a workplace campaign to benefit United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley.

Currently, 28 partner agencies receive funding to provide over 50 health and human service programs and initiatives that create change. In addition to its funded partner agencies, the United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley provides direct initiatives such as **Success By 6**, which seeks to prepare children under the age of 6 to enter Kindergarten; **Success After 6**, which provides wraparound services to children in need in Youngstown including through an after-school intervention program and offering basic needs to families; the Imagination Library, which provides free books each month to children from birth to 5 living in Mahoning County; Financial Stability Partnership and other work around children's health services and financial literacy. Funding that supports the general well-being of the Mahoning Valley (Emergency Services) include programs to support those in need of Disaster or Emergency services, Shelter/Domestic Violence, Food, Housing and Social services.

ABOUT THE UNITED WAY OF YOUNGSTOWN AND THE MAHONING VALLEY

The United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley is the catalyst and driving force for collaborative, sustainable community impact. The United Way is evolving from its roots as a fundraiser and is narrowing its scope to address specific community-wide problems. The United Way is developing community-based, collaborative strategies that can drive real change to impact identified community problems. Currently, twenty-eight nonprofit agencies are partners with the United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley and through that partnership; the United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley aligns its funds, resources and partnerships to create lasting change and real results.

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