

[www.liveuniteddelawarecounty.org](http://www.liveuniteddelawarecounty.org)

### The Generosity of John H. McConnell



United Way of Delaware County's major benefactor, John H. McConnell, bestowed the organization with the largest contribution ever received from an individual. The gift of \$100,000 from the humanitarian and entrepreneur was donated just prior to his death and announced this summer.

These funds will be used for a new initiative known as the "McConnell Step Up to Greatness Matching Gift Program" which will provide matching money when donors give in stages and will recognize them for a higher level of giving. For example, a donor who gives \$5,000 but plans to give more will immediately be known as a Tocqueville Society donor, a recognition United Way of America uses for donors who give \$10,000 or more. The program will ask donors to become full \$10,000 contributors on their own over a few years. The matching funds will provide an incentive to those individuals who may not be able to make that larger annual contribution this year, but would like to in the future, and increase their gift progressively over time.

United Way of Delaware County is very grateful to Mr. McConnell. He exemplified what it means to be an investor in the community. He truly cared about people and Delaware County and he was a great role model for this new program.

These dollars will be used towards United Way's work to advance the common good and the goal of creating long lasting changes that strengthen the community by funding programs which focus on education, health and income assistance services.

### Community Care Day



In back row from left to right: Tom Mertzluft, Keith Jackson, Shirley Cassidy, staff Greif, Inc. In front row: Betsy Gillespie, staff Delaware Speech and Hearing Center.

### 2008 Pacesetters

We value the leadership of our Pacesetters in staging early campaigns and participating in our Community Care Day - held on September 16th. Our 2008 Pacesetters Include:

- American Family Insurance
- Associated Hygienic Products
- The Delaware County Bank & Trust Company
- Exel
- Target (Store #1236)
- V&P Hydraulic Products

THANK YOU!

### Live United Website - Now Launched

More ways to LIVE UNITED in Delaware County have just arrived at your fingertips.

[Click Here](#) to visit our new website.

You may recognize some of the people who "LIVE UNITED" in our community. This is also your source to new volunteer and advocacy opportunities, and the place to go to learn about those in our community who are benefiting from your contributions.

[www.liveuniteddelawarecounty.org](http://www.liveuniteddelawarecounty.org)

### Our Workplace Champions Speak Out

(Workplace Champions are the coordinators of the United Way campaign at their company)

The move to the e-pledge system was a great decision for our organization. We have multiple locations and offering electronic pledging allowed us to

Community Care Day 2008 was once again a huge success. Over 230 volunteers donated their time to help 17 area non-profit agencies and community improvement projects on September 16th.

This year's event posed special challenges due to the September 14th wind storm. It served as a rallying point for all volunteers to work extra hard - in addition to all of the planned projects, many also had to lend their muscle in support of storm-clean up efforts.

"The volunteers worked hard all day!", adds Guy Naples, Delaware Speech and Hearing Center executive director. "Their well-timed visit allowed for post-storm clean up as well as fall planting of mums and spring bulbs. Their efforts will be appreciated by our clients for years to come."

Shirley Cassidy of Grief Inc. contributed by cleaning up the grounds at the Delaware Speech and Hearing Center, funded by the United Way. "This was not only a way to help a United Way agency, but it was also a way to give back to my employer," states Cassidy.

Community Care Day 2008 reminds us all how important it is to Give. Advocate.Volunteer in our local community - it really does make a difference!

To see more Community Care Day photos, [Click Here!](#)

send the same message consistently and regularly to our participating employees. Removing the administrative hurdles associated with organizing paper pledge forms gives me more time in the day to LIVE UNITED.

Michele Barregarye,  
Floyd Browne Group

---

#### BE AN ADVOCATE

Forward this eNewsletter

You can LIVE UNITED by helping us spread the word. Imagine how many people we could reach if everyone forwards this to five people.

[+ TELL YOUR FRIENDS](#)

## 2008 Greif Breakfast



From left to right: Steve Garlock, United Way of Delaware County Board Chair. Gene Smith, OSU Athletic Director. Mark Bergstedt, United Way of Delaware County Interim President.

At the September 9, 2008 Greif United Way Campaign Kickoff Breakfast, with 115 people in attendance, this year's campaign goal of \$3.8 was announced. The breakfast was sponsored by Greif Inc. who has graciously been the continuous supporter of this event for many years.

Gene Smith, Director of Athletics at The Ohio State University, was the Keynote Speaker inspiring all in attendance to embrace a commitment to others. Mr. Smith talked about United Way as a team with the effort of all the volunteers and people involved in the campaign working towards accomplishing a successful goal.

Mikayleigh Shoemaker, a 6th grade student and member of the Big Brothers Big Sisters program was a special guest. Her remarkable talent started the morning's program and left the audience in awe with her rendition of The National Anthem. United Way of Delaware County allocated \$105,000 to the Youth Mentoring Program for Big Brothers Big Sisters for fiscal year 2008-09.

To read more about this event and Gene Smith's comments, [Click Here.](#)

## Our Work In Action



Gita, living independently and still working at the age of 60, suffered a stroke and was discovered to be diabetic while recuperating at the hospital. Her speech, short-term memory and ability to take care of her personal hygiene were greatly affected and she had to move in with her sister. She began attending **Heritage Day Health Center**, received outpatient physical therapy, and occupational and speech therapies. She is now able to perform many daily tasks on her own, including checking her blood sugar. The activities she participates in at Heritage Day, including trivia games, current event discussions and socializing with friends, helps Gita exercise her mind and employ the speech therapy strategies she's learned, giving her more confidence in expressing herself.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the programs and services that benefit from your contributions and support.

United Way of Delaware County, 40 N. Sandusky Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015  
Phone: (740) 369-9618 Fax: (740) 369-9080  
[www.liveuniteddelawarecounty.org](http://www.liveuniteddelawarecounty.org)

©United Way of Delaware County. All Rights Reserved

[Unsubscribe](#)