

Letter from Board Chair and Executive Director



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United Way's mission is to improve lives and communities.

What makes achieving our mission possible is the generosity of donors. That spirit was again expressed in contributions to our 2006 annual campaign totaling \$2,859,348. Such generosity, during a time when many donors themselves are economically challenged, evidences a truly remarkable community mindedness.

That generosity will enable United Way to fund 52 critical human service programs. These will provide individuals and families with food, shelter, counseling, mentoring as well as an array of comprehensive services. Mostly, the service offerings will provide hope and opportunity to those most in need: the child too young to speak for themselves, the frail and isolated senior, the unemployed parent seeking food for their family, or the teen struggling with consequences of bad decisions regarding drugs. These caring services would not be possible without the heartfelt generosity of donors.

Nor would United Way have been able to impact so many lives and the communities in Lorain County without the assistance of our volunteers. Dedication, drive, and accountability are their trademark. They are the characteristics found in each activity of our 27 person Board of Directors and in the hundreds of volunteers who give untiringly to fund raising, fund distribution, marketing, Day of Caring, special events and other United Way sponsored community projects. Their service truly reflects the highest standards of excellence and the deepest concern for the welfare of the people in Lorain County.

That spirit is why United Way is known as a positive impact agent throughout the County. It is a spirit shared by donors whom we ask to continue with us as our "impact partners". United Way deeply values that partnership. It is a partnership that enabled United Way to serve nearly one in four Lorain County citizens in 2005 with quality and life enhancing services.

With this partnership, we believe that there is no limit to the positive impact we can make together by caring in a "United Way".

Thank you for your support.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maggie Quinones".

Maggie Quinones
2005 President
United Way Board of Directors

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Gerald E. Skully
Executive Director
United Way of Greater Lorain County