

A Word from the Treasurer



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As Treasurer, I am pleased to report that in a tough environment the United Way of Greater Lorain County managed to conclude another successful year of sound financial management. The Finance Committee, which is made up of a group of financial professional volunteers from the community, provides oversight in the agency's financial matters. The committee is charged with ensuring that the agency upholds the United Way's standards of accountability and effectiveness.

This past year the campaign raised fewer pledges as the result of downsizing at a few large county employers. The management of United Way with the counsel of the Finance Committee was able to maintain the same level of distribution to partner agencies without using financial reserves through aggressive cost controls and effective collection activities.

Lorain County residents and businesses can be assured the United Way of Greater Lorain County will continue to use their donations in the best way possible. On behalf of the Finance Committee, I would like to thank all the donors, volunteers and supporters. Without your assistance many needed services would not be available to many Lorain County residents.

Sincerely


Phillip J. Baptiste
2005 Treasurer

