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United Way of Greater Lorain County invests in what matters most...improving lives. During the past year this was accomplished by focusing on both providing financial support to individual human service agencies and maintaining a comprehensive system of support for people in need. This network of care is structured to impact the whole person, the entire family and the total Lorain County community.

This past year our network of care touched one in four people in Lorain County. Those served were of all ages and came from all walks of life and from every part of Lorain County. The care they received ranged from child care to senior assistance, from being given a hot meal to obtaining transitional housing, from receiving counseling to being housed in a battered women's shelter. United Way programs and services were there in times of crisis as well as when preventative activities were in order. Whatever the need, the help which was provided addressed root causes such as poverty, violence, hopelessness and family dysfunction.

In addressing these needs with outcome based programs, United Way's goal was to obtain results that both changed lives and improved communities. Our every decision was directed at producing a meaningful and tangible impact on individuals and the community because that is what matters to United Way.

Those decisions also kept faith with our promise to donors to fund only the best programs which meet United Way's high standards. They were decisions made possible by the generosity of individuals, local businesses, labor groups, and national corporations who support United Way financially.

While we take pride in another successful year of service to the community, we need to acknowledge the challenges of the coming year. These include a changing economy, high rates of unemployment, escalating needs among senior citizens and youth, and a host of negative factors that are tearing at the fabric of today's families.

In order to meet these challenges, continued financial support and volunteer involvement will be necessary. Lorain County has provided these to United Way in the past and we are hopeful that such caring and community mindedness will mark the coming year.

For our part, United Way is committed to maintaining itself as a trusted and effective steward of contributed funds. That is the pledge of the United Way Board and staff. It is a pledge made both to those who support us and to those who receive care at our 52 funded programs.

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2006 President
United Way Board of Directors

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