

Letter from Board Chair & Executive Director



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United Way of Greater Lorain County

United Way of Greater Lorain County concluded a successful campaign due to the tremendous support of our donors and volunteers along with the extraordinary efforts of our staff. Our 2007 campaign totaled \$2,837,269 thanks to the support of our community. We offer a heartfelt thank you for your generosity and efforts.

This generosity enables our network of service providers to change lives and improve communities. These programs provide individuals and families with food, shelter, counseling and mentoring. They 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 the consequences of bad decisions regarding drugs or alcohol. These caring services would not be possible without the generosity of donors and volunteers.

In addition to running our campaign, and allocating funds to our programs, the United Way of Greater Lorain County completed a strategic plan this year. The plan which will be rolled out to the community during the coming year is bold and exciting. The plan reaffirmed the community needs from our 2005 assessment: basic needs, nurturing children and youth, and strengthening families. The key to our plan is that the United Way will now judge itself on obtaining specific measurable improvements in these areas. During the coming year, the United Way will be implementing many action steps that will transform our local United Way to a true impact organization. We look forward to discussing the details of this plan with you over the coming year.

Given our bold agenda during these challenging times now more than ever the United Way will need your continued financial support and volunteer involvement.

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Phillip J. Baptiste
2007 President
United Way Board of Directors

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Gerald E. Skully
Executive Director
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