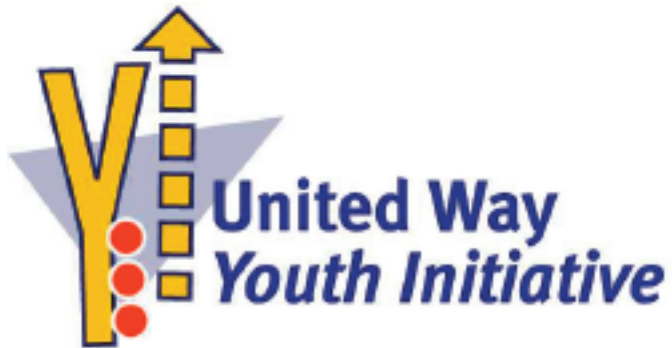


2007 Youth Leaders Council



For the second year, the United Way of Greater Lorain County provided high school students the opportunity to become involved in decision making, fund raising, philanthropy and volunteering. Eleven students representing six schools participated in the United Way Youth Leaders Council from November 2007 through May 2008.

The purpose of the program is to develop an awareness of community needs among the youth in Lorain County and to foster the spirit of community service. The Youth Initiative program's mission is to:

- Help the youth of our community become aware of their responsibilities and capabilities to help others;
- Acquaint youth with the many services available to their families, friends and themselves, as well as identifying priority community needs from their youthful perspective;
- Provide opportunities for leadership and citizenship skill development in their community;
- Encourage youth to contribute resources to their community;
- Foster long-term commitment to our community through United Way contributions.

Thank you to the **American Red Cross Lorain County Chapter, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lorain County and Oberlin Early Childhood Center** who gave our youth the opportunity to help others by participating in a volunteer service Day of Caring project.

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Pictured left to right -

Front row: KaylaJoy Schuppe, Chanelle Williams, Isoke Miller and Savannah Klingshirn.

Back row: Larry Tracey, Madeline Shanko, Lauren Surface, Katie Mizen and Maya Wyman.

Not pictured: Sara Cheah, Jamie Hunt, Alex McKenna.