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Drive & Drop curbside collection receives 101,000 face masks, 100,730 cleaning supplies and approximately 2,300 pounds of food

(Canton, OH) September 14, 2020 – September 11, United Way of Greater Stark County partnered with Huntington Bank and Cutler Real Estate for a curbside collection of our community's greatest needs of food, masks and cleaning supplies.

Millcraft Paper Company donated 100,000 face masks for the Day of Caring Drive & Drop event.

Travis Mlakar, President of Millcraft said, "Thank you for the opportunity to support the United Way. Millcraft has been fortunate enough to call Northeast Ohio home since 1920. This community has given our organization so much over the last 100 years that we are just happy to be in a position to give something back during these difficult times."

Day of Caring is typically a community service day for local businesses, organizations, service groups and individuals, but Friday it was transformed into a Drive & Drop community collection for face masks, cleaning supplies and non-perishable food.

"Our purpose at Huntington is to look out for people. All people. To make people's lives better," said Williams C. Shivers, Regional President of Huntington Bank in the Canton and Mahoning Valley Regions. "We are proud to have been a sponsor for this event for the past ten years and we're excited to help collect food and PPE items today at two of our branch locations. Day of Caring is a wonderful opportunity to give back to the community and we love seeing the joy on people's face when they give back. People don't choose to be in need, but we can choose to help. It is the right thing to do, and it's easy."

Employers Health, Huntington Bank and Cutler Real Estate volunteers collected items in Alliance, Belden Village, Canton, Carrollton, Navarre and North Canton.

"Even in this trying economic period, there is still an amazing outpouring of support from our giving and philanthropic community," says Chris Goff, 2020 Campaign Chair for United Way and CEO and General Counsel for Employers Heath.

Huntington Bank was the Presenting Sponsor of the event, and Cutler Real Estate was the Corporate Sponsor.

The curbside collection brought in over 101,000 face masks, 100,730 cleaning supplies and approximately 2,300 pounds of food. These items will be distributed through numerous community partners.

The live recording from Q92 and pictures taken during the event are available on Facebook

For more information about remote volunteer group participation engagements, contact Laura Prengaman, Assistant Director of Campaign at 330-491-9953 or email laura.prengaman@uwstark.org.

About United Way of Greater Stark County

United Way of Greater Stark County fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person in every community. We win by living United. By forging unlikely partnerships. By finding new solutions to old problems. By mobilizing the best resources. And by inspiring individuals to join the fight against their community's most daunting social crisis. Our mission is to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of our communities in Greater Stark County. In order to live better, we must live United. For more information about United Way of Greater Stark County visit *uwstark.org*. Offices are at 401 Market Avenue North, Suite 300, Canton, Ohio 44702. (330) 491-0445.

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