



United Way of Portage County

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Donor Makes \$10,000 Matching Gift Challenge to United Way *United Way of Portage County aims to reach \$20,000 goal by May 31*

RAVENNA, OHIO – An anonymous donor has offered to donate up to \$10,000 to help United Way of Portage County fund its Community Impact partners and projects if the agency is able to raise \$20,000 in the month of May.

“We are thankful for our donor’s generous support,” said Heather Rainone, UWPC Director of Development and Marketing. “We are confident the Portage County community will step up and help us meet the Matching Gift Challenge so we can continue to help our neighbors and support our partner agencies.”

The gift will provide United Way of Portage County with the resources it needs to continue to provide services to the community. With your contributions, UWPC and our partners will be able to assist vulnerable populations, such as seniors, children, and those who need extra help meeting basic needs. Your donation will be used in a number of ways, including:

- Meal distribution and food pantries
- Mental health services for children and families
- Emergency and transitional housing
- Summer camps and mentoring for kids
- Referrals and information through the United Way 211 hotline, which is available to everyone
- Funding books for children through Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library in Portage County

Money raised in Portage County stays in Portage County. By working together, our neighbors and community members can access much-needed support 365 days a year. Your gift to United Way of Portage County strengthens and sustains more than 30 local agencies and programs that provide frontline services, and directly supports the most vulnerable populations in our community. Please donate **today** to show your support. Donations made to UWPC by May 31 are eligible for matching, including contributions by mail, online at www.uwportage.org and over the phone at 330-297-1424.



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About United Way of Portage County

United Way of Portage County's mission is to unite people with resources to improve the quality of life of families and individuals in Portage County. We envision a Portage County where no resident is without food, no child is without tools to learn, and no one is without access to care. United Way focus areas are:

- [Youth Education](#): To improve reading proficiency at a young age. Together with our partners, we offer children access to quality early learning programs, literacy programs, and summer learning opportunities.
- [Public Health](#): To promote healthy lives by building a healthier, more resilient community by promoting healthy eating and physical activity, expanding access to quality health care and integrating health into early childhood development.
- [Critical Needs](#): To ensure that every person's critical needs, such as food, shelter, and clothing, are met and supported. Together, we help people who are going through tough times get the assistance they need.

Our goals are ambitious, but with your help, and by utilizing our core strengths — a national network, Local Board Leadership, committed partners and public engagement capacity — we can achieve them. Visit uwportage.org and facebook.com/uwportage to learn more about our service to the community, how to volunteer or to donate.

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