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## **LICKING COUNTY UNITED WAY 77<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

NEWARK - The Licking County United Way held its 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup> at The Place off the Square in downtown Newark. The meeting celebrated leadership and volunteerism and included changes to the organization's by-laws, the election of new board members, upcoming events, recognition of volunteers and annual campaign results.

One highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Ken Johnston Volunteer of the Year Award. This award honors a volunteer who embodies the spirit of the United Way movement by a commitment to volunteerism with United Way or a United Way partner agency. This year's recipient is Martha Hensley Wessell, a volunteer for Pathways of Central Ohio.

United Way announced the amount raised during 2009-10 campaign. This year, the United Way raised \$1,846,113. "We received great support from our community and campaign leadership," said Donna Carpenter, Executive Director. "Thank you to our volunteers who served on the campaign cabinet and loaned executives for their hard work this past year. The funds they raised will help many Licking County residents."

Two individuals were elected to the Licking County United Way Board of Directors; Linda Greiwe, President of Newspaper Network of Central Ohio and Elizabeth Winegar, Director of Child Support Enforcement Agency.

Outgoing board members Patrick Warren, Vice President at State Farm Insurance; J. Scott Smith, President of County Fair; and Randy Almendinger, owner of Heartland Communications were honored for their years of service.

In addition, outgoing board member and Board President Laura Lewis, Vice President of Marketing and Human Resources of The Park National Bank, was honored for 3 terms on the board.

For additional information about United Way, or how you can make a donation or volunteer with United Way, contact the Licking County United Way by visiting [www.lcuw.net](http://www.lcuw.net) or calling (740) 345-6685 or [info@lcuw.net](mailto:info@lcuw.net).

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