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### **Licking County United Way Celebrates Accomplishments and Honors Volunteers at Annual Meeting**

NEWARK - The Licking County United Way (LCUW) held its 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup> at The Place off the Square in downtown Newark. The meeting celebrated the organization's key accomplishments and unveiling of a 5 year strategic plan. The evening also included changes to the organization's by-laws, the election of new board members, 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 Neil Carson, a volunteer for The Salvation Army.

United Way announced the amount raised during 2010-11 campaign of \$1,878,986. We received great support from our community and campaign leadership." said Donna L. 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."

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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