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### **Licking County United Way Completes Annual Membership Requirements**

NEWARK –Licking County United Way (LCUW) announces it has successfully completed all of the United Way Worldwide membership requirements by their respective due dates. The requirements include Membership Requirements Certification, and the Database 2 Survey of Total Resources Generated (a survey that captures the full extent of a community’s resource development efforts during the year). Over and above the annual requirements, LCUW completed a mandatory organizational self-assessment in 2009 as part of this process.

“The membership requirements must be certified annually in order for us to remain a member of the United Way,” stated Executive Director, Donna L. Carpenter. “It is important for us to maintain high standards of accountability, and this is part of the process to confirm that our operations are transparent and meet or exceed United Way membership requirements.”

The board of LCUW reviewed and approved the Membership Requirements Certification on May 19th. The certification mandates completion of 13 requirements for United Way of America membership along with verification of the status of 56 indicators that a United Way demonstrates the intent of the membership requirements.

As an integral part of Licking County, United Way is dedicated to improving lives by concentrating on programs that enhance individuals and families in the areas of education, income, health and basic needs. United Way is at work year-round collaborating to identify community needs, gathering the dollars and resources to meet identified needs, directing dollars and resources to community partners to fund programs and services that meet needs, and evaluating outcomes of funded programs and services.

LCUW is part of a network of 1,240 United Ways. Each local United Way must complete United Way Worldwide’s requirements annually in order to retain its United Way Worldwide membership.

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