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Licking County United Way's Executive Director Transitions to Focus on Long Term Organizational Goals

NEWARK – Licking County United Way Board of Directors accepts the resignation of Donna L. Carpenter as Executive Director, effective the fall of 2011. Donna will continue to work with United Way, transitioning her focus to the organization's long range funds development plan, incorporating Major Gifts, Planned Giving and Endowment Fund.

Donna has spent 34 years as a community banker before joining United Way in April, 2000. In her 11 years with United Way, she has utilized her knowledge of our community and her leadership skills to further the work of United Way. *“Ensuring that United Way identifies priority needs then generating resources and long term solutions to address those needs, is critically important to me”*, says Donna L. Carpenter. *“The work of United Way impacts our whole community. This is an opportunity for me to continue this work while stepping into a part-time role later this year that will lead to retirement in the fall of 2012.”*

The Board of Directors is actively working to assemble a search committee for the Executive Director position. *“Donna is leaving some very big shoes to fill”*, states Board President, Bobbi Noe. *“Her in-depth knowledge and understanding of the community's needs coupled with a strong work ethic and passion to **LIVE UNITED** has made her an incredibly effective leader. We are delighted Donna has chosen to transition her leadership role over a period of time, providing us the opportunity to identify and effectively on-board a replacement while continuing to leverage her many talents and strengths.”*

United Way works on behalf of the common good of Licking County residents. Our focus is on education, income, health and meeting basic needs - the building blocks for a good quality of life. United Way recruits people and organizations who bring the passion, expertise and resources needed to get things done. We invite you to be part of the change. You can give, you can advocate and you can volunteer. That's what it means to **LIVE UNITED**.

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