United Way of MPM to Invest Over $482,000 in Community Programs

Zanesville, Ohio, June 12, 2023 – United Way of Muskingum, Perry, and Morgan Counties (MPM) will be investing $482,439 in local community programs over the next 12 months in four different focus areas: financial empowerment, housing stability, food security, and education.

The majority of these funds ($423,398) were raised through the annual fundraising campaign. United Way of MPM also facilitates the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) which brings $59,041 to programs in Muskingum, Perry, and Morgan Counties.

Meg Deedrick, United Way of MPM Executive Director, states, “Our current social investment portfolio is a response to the community conditions we have studied.  For example, we have seen an increase in the use of food pantries and requests for housing and utilities assistance, so we’ve invested in programs that will increase access to fresh, healthy foods and resources to keep families in a safe, stable environment.  The positive outcomes of every program we are partnering with will combat the challenges we are now facing and send ripple effects throughout the entire community.”

United Way of MPM has the capacity to fund these programs and initiatives through the combined contributions of individuals and businesses to its annual campaign. If you would like to help fight for the health, education, and financial stability of our community, you can visit our website to donate, [www.unitedwayofmpm.org](http://www.unitedwayofmpm.org).

Muskingum Mobility Management is one of the programs receiving funding. Nichole Silver, Mobility Manager of Muskingum and Guernsey Counties, said, “This investment from United Way is a critical piece to the Muskingum County community and the ability of the Mobility Manager to help those who fall in the gaps of services provided. United Way’s partnership will allow many residents to get the access to healthcare they need and deserve without the financial burden. The support they provide is always appreciated and never goes unnoticed.”

For a full list of funded partners and programs, please visit our website, [www.unitedwayofmpm.org](http://www.unitedwayofmpm.org). United Way of MPM recommends that any organization interested in applying for funding call the Community Impact Coordinator, Katie Grubbs 740-454-6872.

**About United Way of Muskingum, Perry, and Morgan Counties**: Since 1956 UWMPM has empowered local people to make the most of what they have through outcome-based initiatives and investment in local programs. UWMPM’s focus is on improving the health, education, and financial stability of every person in every community we serve. If you would like to donate, volunteer, or apply for funding, please call 740-454-6872, or visit unitedwayofmpm.org.