



Uniting in 100 Ways for 100 Days

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

United Way of Greater Stark County

May 2022

✓	Day	Event
	1	National Reading Week begins today! Pick up a book and READ!!
	2	Go online to read the March 25 Alliance Review editorial, written by Dr. Thomas Botzman, President of University of Mount Union and Mark Lock, President of Alliance Area Chamber of Commerce.
	3	In Stark County, 1 in 4 children is living at poverty level. Read more about this crisis and recommendations to reduce child poverty HERE on our web site under Stark County Reports uwstark.org/financial-community-reports
	4	Today is National Teacher Appreciation Day! Thank one (or more!) teacher(s) for all they do.
	5	Tomorrow is May's First Friday. You can visit our Centennial Commemorative sculpture in downtown Canton at the corner of 4th St. NW and Court Ave. NW!
	6	Today is School Lunch Hero Day! "Lack of enough healthy food can impair a child's ability to concentrate and perform well in school." (Stark County Hunger Task Force). School Nutrition Professionals make a difference in children's lives every day, but today is your chance to recognize them as the heroes they really are! Learn more HERE schoollunchheroday.com
	7	Contact a local early education center to find out what supplies they might need and then organize a donation drive!
	8	Mother's Day - send some cards offering words of encouragement to women at a local shelter.
	9	Today is Lost Sock Memorial Day. To commemorate all the lost socks, we will be collecting new socks at a "Pop-up" location in Massillon. Check our website for location and time! uwstark.org/100
	10	From 4/2020-3/2021, the Emergency Assistance Collaborative helped distribute \$185,000 to 526 households to help with rent and utilities. Learn more HERE uwstark.org/emergency-assistance .
	11	Since 1972, 211 has counseled more than 710,000 households in our community. Learn about the different ways 211 can be accessed HERE uwstark.org/2-1-1
	12	We have been hosting Day of Caring throughout the community for 29 years! Read about some of the past participating workplaces, the projects they completed and the agencies they assisted HERE uwstark.org/press-releases
	13	Today is our Day of Caring! Check out our social media for updates throughout the day!



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	14	Most non-profit organizations are overseen by a volunteer Board of Directors. Non-profit boards and committees should reflect the rich diversity of the community which they serve. Project Blueprint provides training to underrepresented people of color to effectively serve the community. Learn more HERE uwstark.org/project-blueprint
	15	Since the 2013 tax season, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) has put \$22,446,534 back into our community through tax refunds. According to surveys, most used their refund for savings, rent/mortgage, and past due bills. Learn more HERE uwstark.org/vita
	16	ALICE - an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed - represents the growing number of households in our communities with incomes above the Federal Poverty Level but below the basic cost of living. The benefits of having sufficient income allows households to afford basic necessities which also has an impact on the community as a whole. Learn more HERE uwstark.org/alice
	17	Consider donating some food to a local food pantry. Check their website for "most needed" items or ways to volunteer!
	18	In 2020, the most requested resources accessed through 211 helpline in Stark and Carroll Counties were Food & Meals, Housing and Utilities. Find out more about the services provided by 211 on the Annual County Summary report HERE uwstark.org/financial-community-reports
	19	Did you know?....United Way of Greater Stark County works with the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles and area health departments to provide vouchers for free birth certificates and photo IDs to qualifying Stark County residents born in Ohio. Learn more HERE uwstark.org/id-programs
	20	Give 5 is a no-cost civic-matchmaking program that connects retirees with meaningful volunteer opportunities that best fit their skill sets and passions. Participants learn about the most challenging problems facing our community and uncover ways they can help make a difference in addressing them. Learn more HERE uwstark.org/give-5
	21	Armed Forces Day - Established in 1949 by Secretary of Defense Louise Johnson as a way to honor and acknowledge the members of the Armed Forces of the United States. Read more HERE afd.defense.gov/History
	22	For 100 years, United Way of Greater Stark County has been focused on building a stronger community that allows everyone, no matter their background, to flourish by being connected to the right resources. As childhood poverty continues to affect our community, we are committed to providing support to families who need it most. To commemorate our Centennial year, we will launch the <i>Strong Neighborhoods, Strong Families</i> initiative to directly work with residents of neighborhoods in need and link them to our services. Learn more HERE uwstark.org/100



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	23	The Emergency Assistance Collaborative provides streamlined, client-centered services to Greater Stark County residents who are seeking temporary financial help with rent, mortgage or utility payments. From April 2020 to March 2021, this program helped distribute \$184,770.35 into 526 households to help with rent and utilities. Learn more HERE uwstark.org/emergency-assistance
	24	CARE Team is a community collaboration that works with students and families to address barriers that can influence academic performance. There are 120 CARE Teams in all 22 school districts that the Stark County Educational Service Center serves. Learn more HERE uwstark.org/care-team
	25	Ride United Last-Mile Delivery, in partnership with DoorDash, brings food and supplies to vulnerable populations. The program in Greater Stark County is operated through the 211 network and made 1711 food deliveries between August and December 2021. Learn more HERE uwstark.org/press-releases .
	26	During the past 100 years, the needs of our community have become increasingly complex. Disturbing data shows there is an urgent need to address childhood poverty. Real change starts with understanding where people come from and strengthening neighborhoods in partnership with their residents. On April 26, United Way of Greater Stark County hosted a virtual panel titled “A Discussion of Stark’s Future: Strong Neighborhoods, Strong Families” about this important topic. If you missed it, watch the video on our YouTube Channel HERE
	27	Are you doing some Spring cleaning around your home this weekend? Donate unused or unwanted items to a local agency.
	28	Learn more about our new President and CEO, Angela Perisic HERE uwstark.org/press-releases
	29	Planting flowers around your home and have some extras? Consider potting them and donating to a local senior center. Taking care of the plant gives seniors something to look forward to each day and can lift their mood as the flowers bloom.
	30	Memorial Day - participate in a service commemorating our fallen service members.
	31	100th Day! How many ways did you celebrate our Centennial Anniversary?
	<i>How many did you complete this month?</i>	
	Your grand total of 100 Ways for 100 Days	