

2016 United Way Campaign and the Akron Bar Association

For many years, the Akron Bar Association has been actively involved with United Way of Summit County through the generous volunteer support of the president-elect, who chairs the Akron Bar Association Leadership Division for the annual campaign. This year we welcome David J. Lewis, Esq., president-elect, to serve as the 2016 Campaign Chair, Akron Bar. This partnership is crucial to the success of the Campaign and is greatly appreciated.

Your generosity is helping thousands of people throughout the local community build better lives. United Way leverages the power of community impact, advancing the common good through investment in Education, Income and Health. We envision a Summit County full of promise and prosperity for every child and every family.

Consider just a few examples of how United Way is driving positive, lasting change through strategic community investment:

- Eleven full-time AmeriCorps VISTAs recruited and employed by United Way will support and expand our iCARE Mentoring program in the Akron Public Schools. They will serve a collective 22,000 hours over the course of a year and provide a value of approximately \$550,000 at no cost to the school system.
- In June, United Way secured a \$437,161 grant through the Healthier Buckeye Council to support the work of our Bridges Summit County "Getting Ahead" classes, which provide low-income individuals with the skills and resources they need to escape the cycle of poverty.
- To date, more than 8,000 children have been enrolled in United Way's Imagination Library program, which mails one free book per month to children under the age of five in Summit County. More than 56,000 books have been distributed through the program.

On behalf of the thousands of children and families helped every year, we hope that you will continue to support – and even consider increasing your support – through the 2016 Campaign.

I wish to especially thank Margaret 'Meg' Andreeff Matejkovic, Akron Bar Association president, and Allen Nichols, executive director, for their leadership in supporting the Akron Bar Association United Way Campaign. Thanks to the members of

the Akron Bar Association for your generosity and caring!

Together, we can ensure that Akron is a place where education and job opportunities abound, where children and families are healthy and secure and where everyone has a fair shot at a prosperous life.

James Mullen
President and Chief Executive Officer
United Way of Summit County