

*United Way of Trumbull County*

## **MARCH NEWSLETTER**

**THIS MONTH'S LATEST NEWS, HIGHLIGHTS,  
CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS.**

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of Trumbull County**

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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

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## Read 4 Fun's Annual Dr. Seuss Day brings joy to students in 242 classrooms across Trumbull County

On Friday, March 2, 2018, guest readers visited the classrooms of 12 school districts in Trumbull County to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday as part of United Way of Trumbull County's Read 4 Fun program. Due to weather conditions, six additional school districts celebrated Dr. Seuss Day throughout the month of March, making it a total of 18 school districts (242 classrooms) participating in this year's program. Over 4,800 students and approximately 120 guest readers shared many laughs and smiles while celebrating Dr. Seuss and his stories.

Read 4 Fun was developed to teach students that reading is not only for learning, but also for fun. The program is designed to build confidence and creativity through unique learning experiences and decrease the risk of students dropping out of high school by engaging them during critical learning stages.

According to a study done on America's early childhood crisis, "America's Early Childhood", research proves that when adults read to children, discuss story content, ask open-ended questions about story events, and point out features of print, they provide increased language development, comprehension of story content, knowledge of story structure and a better understanding of language - **all which lead to literacy success!** Having an outside guest reader come to the schools allows for new engagement and learning opportunities for students. Our guest readers take the time to ask the students questions to further teach them the life lessons found within each Dr. Seuss book.

### OUR MISSION

To work together to create sustainable change with an emphasis on income, education, health and meeting basic needs.

### OUR VISION

To inspire and build a community where everyone has the opportunity to reach their full potential.



Joe Magni, Operations Manager of Arcelor-Mittal and first-grade students of Seaborn Elementary



Guest readers at Jefferson ready to put smiles on students' faces

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Family & Community Services

When: Daily need for volunteers,  
Must complete application.  
Where: 705 Oakwood St., Suite  
221, Ravenna, 44266  
Phone: 330-297-7097

### Trumbull Family Fitness

When: Daily need for volunteers.  
Must meet criteria.  
Where: 210 High Street, NW,  
Warren, 44481  
Phone: 330-394-1565

### Trumbull Mobile Meals

When: Daily need for volunteers  
Where: 323 E. Market Street,  
Warren, 44481  
Phone: 330-394-2538

### Second Harvest Food Bank

When: Ongoing need for  
volunteers.  
Where: 2805 Salt Springs Road,  
Youngstown, 44509  
Phone: 330-792-5522

### Girl's Camp Mentors

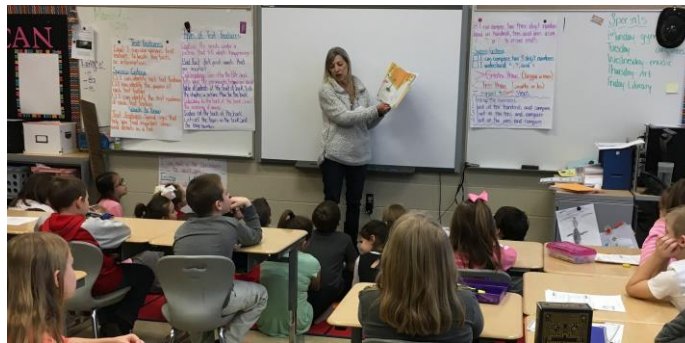
When: Returning Summer 2018  
Where: YWCA Warren, 375 N.  
Park Ave., Warren, 44481

### United Way @ Work 2018

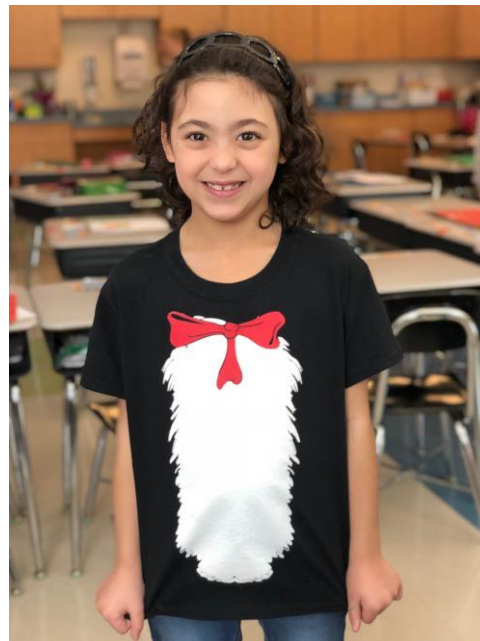
When: Returning August 2018  
Where: Location TBA

To get more information on  
volunteer opportunities, visit  
[www.unitedwaytrumbull.org](http://www.unitedwaytrumbull.org)

## Students had loads of fun at Read 4 Fun!



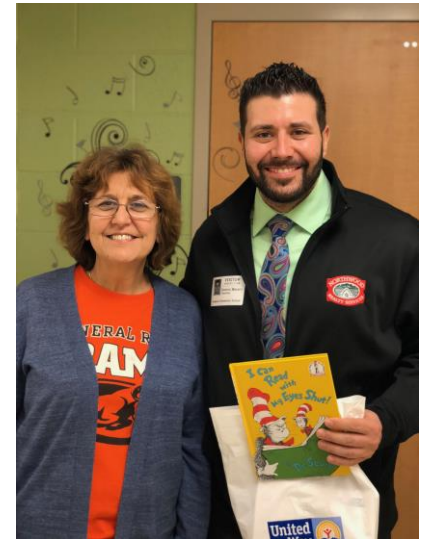
Christy Johnson from Cortland Bank reading to kindergarten students of Brookfield



A Seaborn student shows off her festive Cat in the Hat shirt



Jody Stringer, retiree of Laborer's Local 935 and former UWTC Board Member



Dominic Mararri from Warren Family Mission reuniting with his elementary school teacher at Seaborn



Raymond Morgan III from Niles Kiwanis – Raphael making reading FUN for students

We thank our wonderful guest readers and participating schools for being a part of the Read 4 Fun literacy program.

**Reading Great by 8**  
LITERACY INITIATIVE  
A United Way of Trumbull County Initiative



Learn more by visiting [www.unitedwaytrumbull.org](http://www.unitedwaytrumbull.org)

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## Highlights from Dr. Seuss's BIG Birthday Bash - Part of the Read 4 Fun Seuss-tastic Reading Challenge

Three winning classrooms celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday with a BIG birthday bash field trip courtesy of the Eastwood Mall. The Newton Falls kindergarten classroom of Mrs. Smoot, Mrs. William's second grade classroom from also from Newton Falls and Ms. Economos's first grade classroom from Maplewood Elementary all received this special field trip for being winners of the Read 4 Fun Seuss-tastic reading challenge. Students enjoyed celebrity reading time, a Dr. Seuss craft, an educational trip to the aquarium, lunch and a birthday treat, plus received a free copy of a Dr. Seuss book.

As part of the reading challenge, participating classrooms had to complete 25 reading activities between December 4, 2017, and January 26, 2018. Contestants were then entered into a drawing by grade for a chance to win a trip to Dr. Seuss's BIG Birthday Bash! Twenty-one Trumbull County K-2 classrooms participated in the Seuss-tastic reading challenge and each classroom received a Captain McFinn book and certificate for their participation.

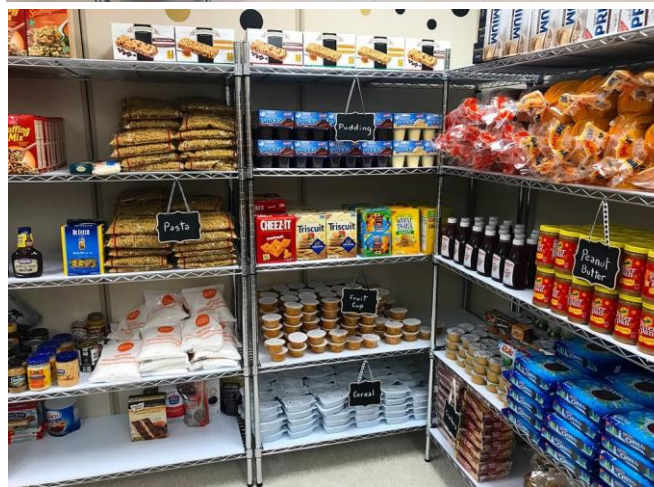


## Willard Food Pantry Opens

Warren City Schools unveiled one of its two new Raider Food Pantries at Willard PK-8 School. The new pantries located at Willard and Jefferson PK-8 Schools are collaboration between the school district, United Way of Trumbull County, Second Harvest Food Bank & Mercy Health, and provide students in need with food/personal care items. Mayfair Laundromat generously supplied the pantries with laundry detergent. The school food pantries are designed to remove the educational barrier hunger presents to students in the district.

Michelle Chiaro, Principal of Willard PK-8 School, says the determining factors in implementing the new food pantry was the ongoing need from students and their families within the neighborhoods of Warren. The staff and administration said they explored the opportunity to open a pantry years prior and when the opportunity finally presented itself; Michelle was excited to get it opened.

The pantry is currently serving 25-27 students a day. United Way of Trumbull County interviewed Michelle Chiaro on Friday, March 23, and she explained how even with a snow day that week, the pantry was able to serve a whopping 89 students. United Way of Trumbull County is proud to support and help with the replenishing of the new food pantry as it continues to be a viable resource to students and their families.



*Giving students the resources they need.*

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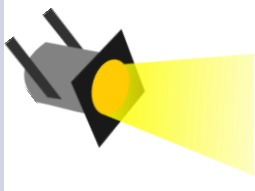
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**United We Win.**

It takes more than luck to achieve a better, stronger community. It takes people like **YOU!** By participating in a United Way of Trumbull County workplace campaign, you and your company may experience many engagement opportunities; whether it's giving to causes your company and/or employees care about, volunteering at one of our impactful events, or advocating on behalf of those less fortunate – A United Way workplace campaign gives employees the opportunity to work together on the common goal of improving the community where we live and work because **UNITED WE WIN.**



Visit [www.unitedwaytrumbull.org](http://www.unitedwaytrumbull.org) to register for your workplace campaign today!



**WORKPLACE CAMPAIGN SPOTLIGHT**  
*Seven Seventeen Credit Union*

Seven Seventeen is a local, community-minded credit union that is democratically controlled by its members. With twelve branches, Seven Seventeen is able to provide banking services to more than 78,000 members in the greater Warren, Youngstown, Kent, Ravenna and Canton areas. Seven Seventeen Credit Union is proud of its rich history and continues to grow deep roots in the communities it serves. The credit union is dedicated in giving back to the community through their annual United Way workplace campaign. We thank them for their ongoing support and congratulate them as they have recently rebranded.

*Thank you for Living UNITED.*



**Interested in hosting a workplace campaign event?**

Hosting a United Way campaign event is a great way to get your employees involved in your campaign and can be done anytime throughout the year. We foster an atmosphere of excitement by highlighting the many ways United Way of Trumbull County is making a difference in our community. For more information, call Christine Cope, Director of Resource Development & Marketing at 330-369-1000, ext. 28 or visit [www.unitedwaytrumbull.org](http://www.unitedwaytrumbull.org).

2017 Partner Agencies

Access Health Mahoning

American Red Cross Lake to River Chapter

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mahoning Valley

Boy Scouts of America Great Trails Council

Catholic Charities Regional Agency

Children's Rehabilitation Center

Community Volunteer Council

Easter Seals and Youngstown Hearing & Speech

ESOP

Family & Community Services

-Foster Grandparents Program  
-SCOPE Senior Services  
-Solace Center  
-Someplace Safe

Girl Scouts of NE Ohio

Goodwill Industries

Greater Warren-Youngstown Urban League

Help Network of Northeast Ohio

Inspiring Minds

Niles Community Services

Potential Development Program

Salvation Army

Second Harvest Food Bank

Trumbull Family Fitness

Trumbull Mobile Meals

United Methodist Community Center

YWCA of Warren

PARTNER AGENCY SPOTLIGHT

Visit [unitedwaytrumbull.org/success-stories](http://unitedwaytrumbull.org/success-stories), to learn more about the good work of our partner agencies.

UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY CENTER

To strengthen & empower individuals & families through the compassionate delivery of critical services

Partner agency United Methodist Community Center is celebrating 96 years of providing services to the women, children, veterans and other community members in need. The center is dedicated to teach, develop and empower individuals and families by providing critical services that include providing food, clothing, transportation and educational support to those who need it.

On April 5, 2018, the Center will be hosting "UMCC as a Community Treasure" at Our Lady of Mount Carmel at 6:00pm featuring dinner and live jazz with Chantae Cann. The purpose of this event is to showcase many contributions of the organization and how UMCC is making a difference. The Center will also announce their new goals for reaching and serving more people in our community. To learn more, visit [www.umcommunitycenter.org](http://www.umcommunitycenter.org) or visit their Facebook page!

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UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY CENTER



TRUMBULL FAMILY FITNESS

To establish & maintain an atmosphere that facilitates physical, emotional & spiritual growth which will enhance the quality of life for individuals & families in our community

March is National Nutrition Month, so we're highlighting partner agency Trumbull Family Fitness, an organization dedicated to providing a number of health oriented programs and classes to enhance the quality of life for individuals and families in our community. The fitness center is home to a variety of health & wellness programs that include indoor cycling, Zumba, boot camp, rubber band gym and other calorie burning classes.

The organization is always looking for volunteers to carry out the mission of Trumbull Family Fitness. All you have to do is fill out an application and attend orientation. Become a TFF member or volunteer today! To learn more about partner agency Trumbull Family Fitness, visit [www.trumbullfamilyfitness.com](http://www.trumbullfamilyfitness.com) or visit their Facebook page!



Designate your UWTC donation to anyone of our partner agencies today!

Are you a United Way partner agency and interested in having a featured article in the UWTC newsletter? Email your testimonies, upcoming events and photos to [interns@unitedwaytrumbull.org](mailto:interns@unitedwaytrumbull.org)!

## Here's how YOU can be a part of the CHANGE.

Your involvement makes ALL the difference and unites us in our effort to create lasting change in Trumbull County



### How you can **GIVE**.

Your donation to United Way of Trumbull County plays a critical role in creating hope and opportunities for our neighbors, friends, families and the overall community. We work to obtain a deep knowledge of the community's needs, which in return allows us to offer our donors assurance that their gifts are being used in the most efficient and effective way. The staff of United Way knows how busy day to day life can be, so we make giving convenient for you!

- Simply text the keyword "**Trumbull**" to **41444** and you'll receive a text message linking you to our secure donation site.
- Make a recurring donation through payroll deduction. See your payroll department for details.
- Visit our website and click on the **DONATE** tab. Here, you can read about how your gift is making a difference.
- At no cost to you, support us through AmazonSmile by selecting United Way of Trumbull County as your charity.

### How you can **ADVOCATE**.

When you advocate for United Way, you spread the word about our collective impact and help influence the lives of individuals and families through our work and the work of our partner agencies.

- Give a testimonial about why you give or how UWTC has helped you, a friend, or family member. Testimonials can be sent via email to [interns@unitedwaytrumbull.org](mailto:interns@unitedwaytrumbull.org).
- Follow us and give us a shout out on social media.
- Like and share our social media and blog posts.

### How you can **VOLUNTEER**.

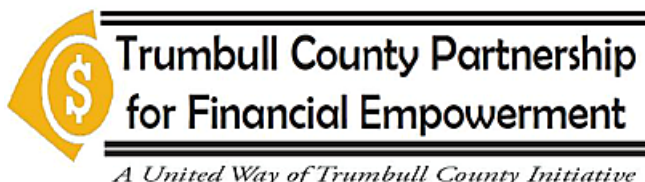
United Way of Trumbull County's mission to create sustainable change is fueled by the passion and hard work of our volunteers. We make sure to post all of our current and upcoming UWTC and partner agency volunteer opportunities in our newsletter and website!

- Become a volunteer reader for one or more of our Reading Great by 8 programs.
- Gather up your family, friends or coworkers for our annual United Way @ Work day where teams of community volunteers will participate in outdoor yard projects for those in need.
- Volunteer at one of our local partner agencies.

## CURRENT & UPCOMING EVENTS

### RECEIVE FREE TAX PREPARATION THANKS TO THE TRUMBULL COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT

Looking for free tax preparation this tax season? Visit [www.unitedwaytrumbull.org](http://www.unitedwaytrumbull.org) and click on the FREE TAX SERVICES button on the home page for a full list of free tax sites.





## LAST CHANCE SATURDAY, A FREE Tax Prep Event

The Trumbull County Partnership for Financial Empowerment will hold their "Last Chance Saturday", a FREE tax prep event with qualified tax preparers, **Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 9:00am- 2:00pm at the Trumbull County Veteran Services office** located at 235 E. Market Street, conveniently on the Warren Express Bus Route in downtown. This event is sponsored by Seven Seventeen Credit Union. If you have not filed your taxes and your annual income is \$54,000 or below, you don't want to miss this FREE opportunity. Complimentary refreshments and pizza will be available while you wait. Walk-ins are accepted, but reservations are preferred. To secure an appointment, please call 330-469-5426.

**Bring the following items to your FREE tax prep appointment:**

Photo ID • Social Security Cards • Last year's tax return • Income information (W-2) • ACA Forms 1095 or proof of hospital coverage • Voided copy of a check of direct deposit • Both tax payer and spouse should be at appt.

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Sponsorship opportunities are now available on our website. Become a UWTC sponsor TODAY!

## ANNUAL MEETING AND AWARDS LUNCHEON

Volunteers and donors will receive special recognition, the Annual Report will be revealed and new board members will be inducted. Stay on the lookout for more information on our website!



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## NINE IS FINE GOLF OUTING & MIXER

Enjoy an afternoon of 9 holes followed by our premier mixer!

**When:** June 28, 2018

**Where:** Trumbull Country Club, Warren, OH

Interested in featuring any testimonies, upcoming events or photos in the UWTC monthly newsletter? Send all features to [interns@unitedwaytrumbull.org](mailto:interns@unitedwaytrumbull.org)!



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