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**Our Mission:** *To unite the goodwill and resources of the Wayne County community so that everyone can thrive.*

## **Thank you for making the United Way of Wayne County 2018 Day of Caring a success!**

**Newark, N.Y.** –The Annual United Way of Wayne County Day of Caring and Food drive was held on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The volunteer event has been helping multiple non-profit agencies throughout Wayne County for over 25 years. It is also one of the largest volunteer events, of its kind, in the county. We want to thank all the businesses and individuals who contributed over 340 pounds of food and personal care items for local food cupboards. There is an increased dependency on food pantries during the summer, when the kids are out of school.

Thank you to the following businesses, because of your support and volunteer teams this event was possible: Berry Global; Catholic Charities of Wayne County; Community Bank; Exelon/Ginna NPP; Garlock Sealing Technologies; LNB; Reliant CCU; Wegmans; Dr Pepper Snapple; Apple Country Spirits; Wayne Cooperative Insurance. Our deepest appreciation and thanks also go to Wegmans of Newark, for generously donating the breakfast and to the Alex Eligh Community Center and their staff for hosting the Day of Caring Breakfast Celebration.

Following the breakfast rally, the Day of Caring teams headed out to their assigned projects. The United Way is grateful to the many volunteers that provided their time, for this meaningful purpose, which promotes the spirit and value of volunteerism. Over 900 volunteer hours were donated to help non-profit agencies. “ At United Way, we really value bringing people together in our community. To see companies and volunteers in action on one specific day to help organizations that really need some extra help, is pretty gratifying,” said Trish Koczent, United Way Board President.

Thank you to the following businesses for your invaluable Corporate Leadership. Sponsorship levels ranged from \$5000K to over \$12,500K, during the, “Together we can do a lot of good”, campaign.

**The following exceptional businesses were recognized with a, “Leading the Way Award”!**

- **Platinum:** Exelon/ Ginna NPP; Garlock Sealing Technologies; Dr Pepper Snapple
- **Gold:** Marshall BioResources
- **Silver:** Seneca Foods
- **Bronze:** Kreher’s Family Farms

The following businesses were presented with a variety of awards and certificates, based on employee's participation during the UWWC Campaign:

**Award of Excellence:** Catholic Charities of Wayne County with 100% participation;  
Victim Resource Center with 100% participation; VanParys Associates and Community Bank (Palmyra)

**Loyal Donor Award:** Reliant Community Credit Union

**Volunteer Award:** Exelon/Ginna NPP

**Certificate of Achievement:** Reliant CCU; Dr Pepper Snapple-Williamson

**Certificate of Appreciation:** Dr Pepper Snapple; Wayne Pre-Trial 100% participation; Alex Eligh CC; Wayne Cooperative Insurance.

The following **Campaign Coordinators** were awarded with **Certificates of Appreciation** in recognition of leadership and time invested in growing employee campaigns by \$500 or more:

- **Exelon/Ginna NPP-** Jim Zapetis and Team
- **Reliant CCU-**Amanda DeSain and Alexa Wessie
- **Dr Pepper Snapple-**Alexis Bentley
- **Marion CSD-**Barb Schoonerman
- **Garlock Sealing Tech.-**Melanie Harloff, Tammy Rudi and Tammy Moshier
- **Community Bank-**Palmyra-Kelly Martin
- **VanParys Associates-**Debbie Nagle

A big thank you also goes out to the businesses that sponsored the **Day of Caring T-shirts:**  
Berry Global-*Premier Sponsor* ; Seneca Foods-Marion; Exelon/Ginna NPP; Reliant Community Credit Union; Garlock Sealing Tech. ; VanParys Associates; Marshall BioResources; IEC Electronics.

To find out more information about the United Way of Wayne County or to view pictures of the Day of Caring please visit our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/unitedwayofwaynecounty>  
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***Together, we can do a lot of good.***

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