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United Way Receives Matching Grant from Stardust Foundation

With help from Seneca County residents, small businesses, and community partners the United Way of Seneca County met its challenge to raise \$10,000 by June 30, 2009.

In early June, the United Way received a challenge grant through the Stardust Foundation to raise \$10,000, in addition to the United Way's annual campaign, and the Foundation pledged to match the money raised dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000.

The United Way is expecting to receive the funds from the Stardust Foundation in July. All of the money raised will be added to the community fund, which is used to serve children, youth and families in Seneca County.

"The United Way is very appreciative of the community for its efforts in raising this money. This will close the \$20,000 gap from last year's annual campaign. The contribution will be used to support the United Way's funded partner agencies, but will not take the place of the campaigns many of them are conducting right now or the United Way's 2009 annual campaign," explained Charlie Schillaci, United Way of Seneca County Board of Directors President.

In addition to the Stardust Foundation grant, the United Way has also reapplied for the 21st Century Community Learning Grant, a federally funded program, which funds the Surge After School Program that is in all four school districts in Seneca County. The United Way anticipates that they will know in the beginning of July whether or not they will be awarded the grant.

The United Way of Seneca County is a non-profit organization that seeks to advance the common good in Seneca County by focusing on the areas of health, education and income. They accomplish this by working with community partners, individual donors, small business and youth from Seneca County. For more information about the United Way visit www.uwseneca.org.