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## Transition in Leadership, United Way in Ottawa County

[PORT CLINTON, Ohio] – Area Director of United Way in Ottawa County (UWOC), Stacy Maple, recently accepted the position of director of culinary services at Lakeside Chautauqua in Lakeside, OH, effective later this month.

During Maple's time with UWOC, she was instrumental in creating increased awareness of the critical role the organization plays in the county. Such as how UWOC invests funds in a significant number of nonprofits that provide health and human services to residents, specifically children. Maple also led various initiatives, which developed solutions to address community needs.

Ed Carlson, UWOC's advisory board chair, stated, "Stacy has made many contributions during her tenure for which we are very grateful. We are pleased to know that she will remain an active United Way volunteer."

Carlson and Wendy Pestrue, United Way of Greater Toledo (UWGT) president and CEO, announced today their plans during this transition, until a new area director is onboarded.

Alison Lanza Falls, who has served in many volunteer roles with United Way over the last seventeen years, will be providing interim leadership at UWOC, and April Schalk, administrative assistant in the UWOC office, will increase her hours and take on additional duties during this transition.

Carlson also shared his gratefulness for Falls' willingness to provide leadership for United Way's work in Ottawa County, stating, "Alison is a committed and experienced leader, and has been a tireless volunteer with United Way over the years. I am so thankful that she is willing to serve in this capacity."

Additionally, he said, "April's experience with United Way allows her to provide continuity and I am delighted that she is willing to take on additional work during this transition period – she is a tremendous asset."

UWGT will continue to provide services and oversight to UWOC and will be helping with the recruitment of a new area director.

Pestrue commented, "Good things are happening in Ottawa County and we are here to ensure they have the support needed to continue effectively serving county residents."

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