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UWGT Receives \$660,000 Donation From CHARLES H. DANA Charitable Trust

[August 16, 2022, TOLEDO, OH] – United Way of Greater Toledo (UWGT) is honored to announce the generous gift of \$660,000 from the Charles H. Dana Charitable Trust.

Dana passed away at the age of 82 on December 30, 2021. Born in Providence, RI, he joined Owens Corning, headquartered in Toledo, in 1961. Dana's 37 year career at Owens Corning took him as far as Sao Paul, Brazil, where he worked and became Chairman of the Association of American Schools. Dana moved to Perrysburg, OH in 1981 and held many titles through his tenure before retiring in 1998 as Executive Vice President. Dana and his wife of 59 years, Ann, who passed away in 2019, were longtime supporters of UWGT. Their son, Jeffrey C. Dana of Dayton, OH, notified the organization regarding the donation in early 2022. Funds were received in late July.

"Charles and Ann demonstrated visionary community spirit by making this gift to serve our most vulnerable neighbors," said UWGT President and CEO, Wendy Pestrue, "We share our condolences with the Dana family and look forward to carrying their legacy of compassion and service for many years to come."

This generous unrestricted gift allows UWGT to meet community and organizational needs in ways that are meaningful and relevant for future generations. Programs such as [211](#), a free referral service connecting residents to shelter, food, employment, volunteer opportunities, and much more, and the organization's [Collective Impact Model](#), which connects and innovates services in Education, Financial Stability, Health, and Housing, evaluate impact through data analysis and the internationally-renowned Results-Based Accountability methodology™.

"United Way of Greater Toledo is a philanthropic advisor for our community. The services we provide and fund are critical to the wellbeing of our citizens. Donors like the Dana family make it possible for us to meet the community's needs," Pestrue said.

Planned gifts like Dana's are one of the many reasons UWGT has been a leader in serving our region for more than 100 years. Planned gifts qualify donors for membership in United Way's Legacy Society, an exclusive group of donors with an expressed interest in the long term well-being of our community. To learn more, visit www.unitedwaytoledo.org/planned-giving.

We believe in uniting the caring power of people to improve lives. United Way of Greater Toledo brings a worldwide network into neighborhoods throughout Northwest Ohio. Proudly serving residents of Lucas, Ottawa, and Wood Counties, since 1918 we have believed that we all benefit from each other's success. As one of the longest-serving charitable organizations in our region, we are trusted, innovative, collaborative and accountable. Most importantly, your contributions serve neighbors right here at home.

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