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United Way receives grants from The Longaberger Foundation

The United Way of Muskingum, Perry & Morgan Counties announced today that it has been awarded two grants from The Longaberger Foundation. The grants will help feed those in need and support the organization's broader mission and programs in the community.

The grants are in addition to money that has been pledged or donated by The Longaberger Company and its employees during the United Way's recent 2008 fundraising campaign. The grants include:

- \$10,000 specifically earmarked for the Muskingum County Hunger Network, which receives its financial support from the United Way and provides food and prepared meals for individuals and families in Muskingum County. The Hunger Network includes 16 food pantries and four hot food programs, most of which are staffed by volunteers. More than 500,000 meals were served in 2007. In all, 55 percent of The Longaberger Company's employees live in Muskingum County.
- \$25,000 to the United Way to support various programs and organizations that are meeting the broader needs of the community.

"These grants will bolster programs and organizations that are focused on improving the quality of life for thousands who call this region home," said Jack McClelland, executive director of the United Way of Muskingum, Perry & Morgan Counties. "This support from The Longaberger Foundation serves as a reminder that meeting the needs of the community goes beyond our annual campaign. It is a year-round effort."

The Longaberger Foundation is a nonprofit organization separate from The Longaberger Company. The Foundation was established in 1997 by family members Dave, Tami and Rachel Longaberger to focus efforts on four key areas, which include promoting entrepreneurial principles, preserving American history and ideals, strengthening families and addressing regional quality of life needs.

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