

United Way Honors 2016 Volunteer of the Year United Way Honors 2016 Volunteer of Year



Jason Shore, Ted Ykimoff, & Ken Toll

JACKSON, Michigan [Jan. 19, 2017] – Ted Ykimoff, director of Residential Energy Efficiency Programs for Consumers Energy, has been named Volunteer of the Year by the United Way of Jackson County. The award was announced at UWJC’s annual Volunteer Reception today. Nearly 100 people attended the event at Ella Sharp Museum in Jackson.

“Volunteering brings that special, hands-on element that’s crucial to advancing the common good in Jackson County,” said Ken Toll, President and CEO of UWJC. “We’re proud to celebrate the hundreds of volunteers who partner with United Way.”

The financial impact of volunteerism in Jackson County is huge, Toll said. According to the Independent Sector, a one-hour work commitment from a single volunteer is worth \$23.56. In 2015, United Way volunteers racked up 26,046 hours in Jackson County. Thus the financial value of those volunteer hours alone totaled \$613,644, Toll said.

Ykimoff has been actively involved with United Way for more than 25 years, first as a campaign solicitor, then as a division co-chair, and in 2016 as campaign chairman.

“Ted’s passion for helping others runs deep, going back to his childhood when his parents encouraged their children to give back,” Toll said. “His leadership, innovative thinking and sense of fun have energized all of us in this year’s campaign.”

Also honored were runners-up Jennifer Stoner and Jessica Hughes, who became United Way volunteers three years ago as campaign auditors. Toll said their passion, dependability and attention to detail have been crucial to the organization’s accountability to donors.

Sponsors of the volunteer reception were Michigan Automotive Compressor Inc. (MACI) and United Way’s Labor Participation Committee.

To find out more about volunteering through United Way, visit the **Volunteer Center**.

About United Way of Jackson County

United Way of Jackson County mobilizes the caring power of the community to provide opportunities for a better life for all Jackson County residents by focusing on helping children succeed in school, making sure families are financially stable, and helping people achieve and maintain good health.

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