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## United Way surpasses its goal

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MIDDLETOWN — The United Way of Greater Cincinnati-Middletown Area is projected to exceed its campaign fundraising goal of \$1.2 million

Marcia Andrew, who co-chaired the campaign with her husband, Dr. Will Andrew, said she was “really pleased” the campaign expects to exceed its goal.

The goal was \$1.2 million, and recently, it was announced the projected total was \$1,201,951.

Marcia Andrew, a partner at Taft, Stettinius & Hollister LLP, said she was impressed that the goal was surpassed during what she called “really hard times for people.”

She credited several area companies for increasing their donations from last year. For instance, she said, AK Steel, whose employees generated about \$455,000 in 2010, raised \$480,000 this year.

“They really stepped up for us,” Andrew said of the Middletown steel maker.

Several other WOW Employee Campaigns were recognized, including: Westchester Holdings (215 percent increase), Frost Brown & Todd (12 percent increase), John XXIII Catholic Elementary School (19 percent increase), Madison Local School District (36 percent increase) and Middletown Public Library (16 percent increase).

The campaign cabinet included: Dr. Mathew and Leslie Stone, vice-chairs; Carla Amburgey (labor participation), Ty Thomas (marketing), Michelle Kidwell, Chris Edmonds and Valery Perdue (AK Steel employee campaign), Christine Birhanzl (major firms), Rhonda Fugate and Eric Swope (finance and commercial), Connie Sandker (retail division), Cathy Bishop-Clark (education and government), Donna Banks (non-profit employees), Lori Middendorf and Lou Peluso (new business development), Dr. William Langworthy (retirees), Elaine Garver (Women Living United), Dave Tieman (golf chair) and Althea Barnett (loaned executive).

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