Summit County Executive Russell M. Pry and the Summit County Social Service Advisory Board present the 4th Annual:

**Making a Difference...**

**Human Services Forum**

**Tuesday, October 23rd**

The University of Akron, Student Union
303 Carroll Street, Akron, Ohio 44325

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

The Social Services Advisory Board (SSAB) and I would like to invite you to the 4th Annual Summit County Making a Difference...Human Services Forum at the University of Akron on Tuesday, October 23, 2007.

The luncheon keynote speaker will be Judge Steven Leifman, Associate Administrative Judge of the Miami-Dade County Court, Criminal Division and Special Advisor to the Florida Supreme Court on Criminal Justice and Mental Health. Judge Leifman has received national recognition and many awards for his work on local, state, and national mental-health initiatives.

We have continued the expanded format from last year that includes three breakout sessions presented by local experts, with seven topic choices of vital interest to Summit County. Although new to the executive position, I have watched with interest the progress of Summit 2010: A Quality of Life Project. I’m looking forward to the pleasure of awarding the Annual Making a Difference awards to an individual and a group who model exemplary provision of service to our community.

Please join us on October 23 for this informative and thought-provoking event to celebrate how Summit County is making a difference...in the lives and futures of its citizens!

Russell M. Pry
Executive, County of Summit
the Florida Supreme Court as Special Adviser on Criminal Justice and Mental Health.

In the most recent Dade County Bar Poll, Judge Leifman received the highest exceptionally qualified rating of all the Miami-Dade County Court Judges.

Judge Leifman chairs the Florida Supreme Court Mental Health Subcommittee and the Mental Health Committee for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida. He was also responsible for creating the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Criminal Mental Health Project. This highly successful program diverts non-violent misdemeanor defendants with mental illnesses to appropriate mental health facilities and provides Crisis Intervention Team training for law enforcement agencies in Miami-Dade County. The program has substantially reduced recidivism, saved critical funds, and saved lives. In recognition of this program, the Project was awarded the 2001 Council of State Governments Innovations Award and a million dollar Jail Diversion Expansion Grant.

Due to his expertise in this area, Judge Leifman has been appointed to several local, state, and national mental health initiatives, including the Council of State Governments (CSG) Judges’ Criminal Justice/Mental Health Leadership Initiative and Co-Chair of the Miami-Dade County Mayor’s Task Force on Mental Health. Judge Leifman also serves as Finance Chair of the Miami-Dade Homeless Trust and the Legislative Director of Florida Partners in Crisis, a statewide coalition of stakeholders advocating improvements in Florida’s mental health and substance abuse delivery system. He was also recently appointed to the American Bar Association Commission on Homelessness and Poverty and received an appointment as a Voluntary Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Miami School of Medicine.

As a result of his efforts, Judge Leifman was named the 2003 Miami-Dade County Bar Association/Mellon Bank–Legal Citizen of the Year and received the 2003 Presidents Award from the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI-Florida), as well as the 2003 Distinguished Service Award from The National Association of Counties (NACo) and a 2003 Leadership Award from Florida Partners In Crisis. More recently, Judge Leifman was awarded the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Miami 2004 Judicial Distinction Award, the 2004 Bank of America Local Hero Award, the United Way of Miami-Dade 2005 Public Service Leadership Award and was a recipient of a 2005 Health Concern Award by the Health Foundation of South Florida. Judge Leifman was also recently awarded the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce 2006 Health Care Heroes Award, the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI - National) 2006 Sam Cochran Compassion in Law Enforcement Award, the Miami Today 2006 Silver Medal for individual achievement, a South Florida Mental Health Association 2006 Heroes In The Fight Award, and the Greater Miami Jewish Federation 2007 Judicial Community Service Award.

2007 Summit County Human Services
FORUM BREAKOUT TOPICS
Seven breakout sessions will be offered at 9:30 – 10:30 am

**Plenary Session Speaker**

Russell M. Pry, Summit County Executive, will be giving an exciting update on the Summit 2010: A Quality of Life Project. The Summit 2010: A Quality of Life Project is a comprehensive County-wide planning project that is making a difference in specific quality of life indicators ranging from youth to older adults.

Russell M. Pry was sworn in as the County of Summit Executive on July 13, 2007, bringing a wealth of experience community involvement to the position. Prior to his appointment as executive, Pry was a managing partner at the law office of Cassetty, Muse, and Pry from 1990-2007.

**Mental Health**

**Alternatives & Collaborations with Mentally Ill Offenders**

Speakers: Mike Yohe, CIT Coordinator & Instructor, Akron Police Department; Penny Moore, Director of Employment and Forensic Services, Community Support Services; and Tony Ingram, Chief Probation Officer, Akron Municipal Court

Session Description: One of the fastest growing approaches toward diverting mentally ill persons from the criminal justice system are mental health courts. The Akron Mental Health Court program was the first court of this type in the state of Ohio and the fifth in the entire country. Since 2001, when the Akron Mental Health Court began operating, there are now over 130 recognized mental health courts in the United States. Hear how Summit County’s Mental Health Court offers judges and the criminal justice system an alternative to incarceration and also how Summit County’s Crisis Intervention Team programs have addressed the need as police function as “frontline mental health workers.”

Organizational Cultural Competency

**“Not our kind”: Overcoming Stereotypes in the Workplace and Maximizing Human Assets to Improve Service Delivery**

Speaker: Devyani R. Gursahaney

Session Description: It should come as no surprise that the face of business has changed significantly in recent years due to computer technology, faster and better transportation, and shifts in political policies throughout the world. As a result of these changes, it is not unusual to find businesses with culturally blended teams of workers. Instead of ignoring or denigrating cultural differences or simply minimizing their importance, Devi will illustrate how to systematically tap into the richness of diversity with the goal of unleashing human potential to achieve personal and organizational goals.
Leadership Succession

Leadership Development Begins Now

Speakers: Stanley B. Silverman, Dean, Summit College, University of Akron; Jeffrey S. Vengrow, Director of CNE Solutions, Center for Nonprofit Excellence; J. Thomas Maulisby, Jr., Group One Development, LLC.

Session Description: Often, organizations think about leadership development and succession planning at the wrong time—when a leader is about to leave an organization. In addition, the aging wave of baby boomers has highlighted the need for non-profits to identify how to maintain and sustain high quality leadership—staff and board—for their organizations. Learn how a leadership succession/performance model can assist leadership development throughout the organization and how competency-based succession management is critical to leader development and organizational success.

Older Adults

Here Come The Boomers! The Challenge of Planning for an Aging Community

Speaker: Dr. Harvey Sterns, Director, Institute for Life-Span Development & Gerontology, The University of Akron

Session Description: The baby boomer generation views retirement differently compared to previous generations and may have major roles in supporting their own parents. The desire for most older adults to continue to live in their own homes means that a universal design approach to the physical environment is even more important; increased sensitivity to meeting transportation needs of aging community members will increase in importance and social services to support independent living will need to expand. New housing and care approaches will emerge, but most communities will struggle to meet increasing demands in conventional ways. Join Dr. Sterns in a discussion regarding how aging boomers can contribute to their communities through well-conceived civic engagements that use peoples’ talents and provide meaningful experiences.

Youth

Education or Incarceration, the Court’s Role in Addressing Illiteracy

Speakers: Emanuella Groves, Judge, Cleveland Municipal Court; Lauren C. Moore, Judge, Cleveland Municipal Court; David A. Fann, Get on Track program coordinator, Probation Dept., Cleveland Municipal Court; Spencer Bellamy, Get on Track Probation Officer, Cleveland Municipal Court

Session Description: Lack of education and limited positive life skills have a major impact on youth recidivism. Learn how the court system can impact illiteracy and the importance of dealing with life skills and attitude to change negative youth behaviors. Join local experts in this timely and intriguing session on youth and how our juvenile system can make a positive impact.

Transportation

Transportation Services—Making It Work for the People Who Need It Most

Speakers: Kirt Conrad, Director of Planning & Development, METRO; Charles A. Nelson, President, Nelson Development Ltd.

Session Description: This session will provide an overview of and information about transportation services available in Summit County. It will review the findings and recommendations of a recently completed plan to coordinate transportation services and present some thoughts on how to make services work best for people who need it and people who are providing services to them. Transportation is important to mobility and quality of life. Join a discussion on issues, concerns, and moving forward to make services work better.
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Only checks are acceptable for payment. Note: Unfortunately we will be unable to accept telephone registrations. You will receive notification that we have received your registration. No refunds will be able to be given. Names of individuals must accompany this registration form.

**Prices**
- Forum Program & Luncheon: $60.00
- Forum Program Only: $30.00
- Luncheon Only: $30.00

**Cost and Fees**
- Entire Forum: \( \underline{\text{_____}} \times 60.00 = \underline{\text{_____}} \)
- Forum Only: \( \underline{\text{_____}} \times 30.00 = \underline{\text{_____}} \)
- Luncheon Only: \( \underline{\text{_____}} \times 30.00 = \underline{\text{_____}} \)
- Table (Seats 8*): \( \underline{\text{_____}} \times 240.00 = \underline{\text{_____}} \)
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**Luncheon Selection** *(Check your preference)*

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MAIL ALL REGISTRATION FORMS AND YOUR CHECK TO:

Summit County Department of Job & Family Services
Attention: Patricia Dobbins
47 N Main Street
Akron, OH 44308-1991

If you have additional questions regarding the Forum please contact Julie Seeley at 330.643.7512, or you can email her at: seelej01@odjfs.state.oh.us

Deadline for Registration is Friday, October 5, 2007

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Please print clearly or type all information:

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**EACH ATTENDEE MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM AND MAIL WITH THEIR FORUM REGISTRATION**

**Breakout Session 1 (9:30 am – 10:30 am)**

Please indicate your preference from 1st (first choice) to 2nd (second choice). Every effort will be made to accommodate your first choice requests, but seating will be based on availability and when registration is received.

- [ ] Mental Health
  - Alternatives & Collaborations with Mentally Ill Offenders
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- [ ] Youth
  - Education Or Incarceration, The Court’s Role In Addressing Illiteracy
- [ ] Transportation
  - Transportation Services—Making It Work Best For The People Who Need It Most

**Breakout Session 2 (10:45 am – 11:45 am)**

Please indicate your preference from 1st (first choice) to 2nd (second choice). Every effort will be made to accommodate your first choice requests, but seating will be based on availability and when registration is received.

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**Breakout Session 3 (2:30 pm – 3:30 pm)**

Please indicate your preference from 1st (first choice) to 2nd (second choice). Every effort will be made to accommodate your first choice requests, but seating will be based on availability and when registration is received.

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**Note:** Application has been made for continuing education credits for education credits for education, legal, nursing and social work. Participants must complete an Evaluation Form at each session to receive a certificate.

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Sponsorship Levels  There are five levels of Sponsorship available: Please check the level you wish to sponsor.

- **Patron Level $150**
  - Reservations for two at luncheon
  - Acknowledgement in luncheon program
  - Display table for organization

- **Bronze Level $250**
  - Reservations for four at luncheon
  - Acknowledgement in luncheon program
  - Display table for organization

- **Silver Level $500**
  - One table for eight at luncheon
  - Acknowledgement in luncheon program
  - Display table for organization

- **Gold Level $1,000**
  - Eight admissions to the entire Forum including the luncheon
  - Acknowledgement in luncheon program
  - Display table for organization

- **Platinum Level* $2,500**
  - 16 admissions to the entire Forum including the luncheon
  - Display table for organization
  - Half page promotional advertisement in luncheon program
  
  (7.5" width X 4.5" height) Email electronic file to: gerrad@odjfs.state.oh.us by September 14th.
  - Acknowledgement in luncheon program
  - On-stage acknowledgement of sponsorship

* Advertisements for the program, which are complimentary with the Platinum Sponsorship, must be emailed no later than Friday, September 14th to: gerrad@odjfs.state.oh.us

Display Tables  The Forum will have display tables available for those organizations who wish to advertise or promote. There are a limited number available for $75.00 each. Table sizes are 6’ x 30” and skirted.

Cost and Fees

Display Table  ________ x  75.00 = $ _________

Sponsorship  ________ = $ _________

Total Amount Enclosed  = $ _________

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Deadline for Registration is Friday, September 14, 2007

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Nomination Criteria
In recognition of the vital role of individuals and organizations in meeting the health and human services needs of the citizens of Summit County, Summit County Executive, and the Social Services Advisory Board created the Making a Difference...Human Services Awards. This honor recognizes extraordinary achievements, by an individual or organization, in the area of provision of human services, that assist individuals in maintaining or achieving self-sufficiency. Presentation of the Making a Difference...Human Services Awards will be made during a luncheon to be held on Tuesday, October 23rd, 2007.

Criteria for Nominees:
Nominees for the award are those individuals or organizations deemed to be instrumental in the development of human services as defined by:
- Achieve self-sufficiency
- Meet their basic subsistence needs
- Avoid institutionalization
- Retain shelter and independence
- Remain healthy
- Maintain healthy lifestyles, or
- Otherwise prevent future problems related to these needs.

Candidates will be considered based on the following:
- Demonstrating a commitment through specific examples of improving the quality of life for residents in Summit County (unique and different contributions will be given special consideration).
- Having a measurable history of giving time and talent to community initiatives (ex. Events, Boards, etc.) that are important to making a positive difference.
- Demonstrating ethics and professionalism and being a role model for others in the area of human services.
- Valuing the input of others and working in harmony and collaboration to accomplish established goals for the betterment of the community and its residents.

General Guidelines:
- Individuals or organizations must provide services within Summit County.
- Nominees may be individuals or organizations, public or private.

Process:
- Individuals, organizations or any community group, knowledgeable about local noteworthy achievements in the human services area, may submit nominations for the Making a Difference...Human Services Awards.
- Nominations are not to exceed 2 pages typed which state specific reasons for the candidate's nomination. Additional letter (s) of support must be included. If an individual is nominated, the candidate's resume or curriculum vitae must be submitted which should provide information on the individual's career, background, volunteer efforts, prior awards and other notable achievements.
- The Executive Committee of the Social Services Advisory Board will review nominations and their decision is final.
- Presentation of the Award will take place at the luncheon on Tuesday, October 23, 2007.

Please refer any questions or concerns regarding this information to:
Julie Seeley, Administrative Liaison
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47 N. Main St.
Akron, OH 44308
Phone: 330.643.7512
Fax: 330.643.7053
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DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: Friday, September 21, 2007 at 2:00 pm.

Nomination Form

I, __________________________, __________________________ From __________________________
Nominate __________________________, __________________________ From __________________________

For the 2007 Making a Difference...Human Services Award. I have provided letter(s) of support, including specific reasons for the candidate's nomination, and the candidate's resume or curriculum vitae, (if an individual).

I can be reached at: The nominee can be reached at:

Phone __________________________ Phone __________________________
Hours __________________________ Hours __________________________
E-mail address __________________________ E-mail address __________________________

Please select if the nominee is an □ Individual or □ Organization.
Is the Individual or Organization aware of this nomination? □ Yes □ No

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