## Capital Area United Way Health Initiative

**Look at what your investment in this initiative will do.**

### Health Care Access
- Teams of outreach workers do active outreach to assist residents in enrolling in Ingham Health Plan (IHP) & Medicaid.
- Over one-half of the uninsured in our community are now covered by IHP.
- Over 50,750 individuals have received IHP coverage since its 1998 inception.

### Overcoming Barriers
- Individuals’ dignity is strengthened by access to care through IHP membership and respectful treatment by physicians and other care givers.
- Assistance with transportation to and from appointments is provided when necessary.
- Health outreach workers link new members with a primary care provider and increase follow-through to take advantage of IHP coverage, bringing about a behavioral change to improve health.

### Links to Neighborhood Services
- Monthly newsletters link neighbors to news, services and vital information including health-related programs.
- Health outreach teams provide learning opportunities to understand health issues.
- Health outreach teams help neighbors access the supports and resources they need.

### Strengthening Community Connections
- Personal neighbor-to-neighbor connections alleviate isolation and promote civic participation.
- Healthy families promote good parenting and the maintenance of stable, healthy homes.
- Community connections promote strong, stable and resilient families.

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Donor gifts designated to the 2008 Health Initiative, coupled with other funding sources including the Ingham County Health Department and Ingham Health Plan Corporation, supported community health worker teams in organizations like the Allen Neighborhood Center, Baker Donora Center, NorthWest Initiative, and Southside Community Coalition. These health teams reach out to individuals and families to assist them in enrolling in the Ingham Health Plan and Medicaid. Often they help new enrollees understand and use their coverage benefits, helping to make preventative and primary health care a reality for them.

*Capital Area Health Alliance - Health Access Committee will help ensure that resources will support these key components of the Health Initiative.*