

# Volunteers Show Their Caring Ways



Photo by Scott McCloskey

Sr. Constance Dodd looks over the freshly painted hallways as, from left, Todd Cover and George Krupica, both with Main Street Bank, and Tom Hauner with Habitat for Humanity keep busy painting Wednesday during the annual Day of Caring for the United Way of the Upper Ohio Valley. The painters were volunteering at the drop-in center for the mentally ill on 18th Street in East Wheeling.

## Annual Day of Caring kicks off local campaign

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WHEELING — Some painted. Others relocated an entire office. And still others waited for a break in the rain to wash and detail vehicles.

No matter their task, the work performed Wednesday by volunteers for United Way of the Upper Ohio Valley agencies illustrated one thing: they care.

The agency's annual Day of Caring kicked off at 7:52 a.m. Wednesday at WesBanco Arena with the traditional breakfast meeting where volunteers



gathered before heading out to their various assignments. Officials from the local United Way agencies being served by the volunteers expressed their sincere gratitude for the hands-on assistance.

"It would probably have been total chaos without the volunteers," said Jamie Crow, executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Upper Ohio Valley. Volunteers relocated her office on Wednesday.

Each year for 15 years, the United Way of the Upper Ohio Valley campaign has held a Day of Caring. More than 300 people, including volunteers and retirees from 44 organizations, worked with 21 agencies doing a vari-

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