

# News Release



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## **County of Summit Employees Raise \$300 for American Heart Association**

Throughout the month of February, County of Summit Executive Ilene Shapiro sponsored a number of events in support of the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women initiative. The Go Red initiative is a nationwide platform designed to increase women's heart health awareness and serve as a catalyst for change to improve the lives of women globally. County of Summit employees raised \$300. All proceeds will be donated to the American Heart Association.

In the United States, approximately 500,000 women lose their lives annually to cardiovascular disease. While heart disease ranks as the number one killer of women, heart related deaths are still primarily identified with men. Since 2004, the Go Red initiative has empowered 2 million women to learn about their personal risk of developing heart disease by taking the Go Red Heart CheckUp and more than 900,000 women have received important information that allows them to take action to improve their health.

"I am proud of all the County employees who participated in the various Go Red events and supported the American Heart Association," said Executive Shapiro. "Employees made generous financial contributions and took time to educate themselves about how they can take steps to improve their health and even save a life."

The Go Red events included National Wear Red Day, memorial heart and lapel pin sales, candy jar contest, an education session, and CPR training.

For more information about Go Red for Women and heart disease, please visit <https://www.goredforwomen.org/>.



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