



Butler County United Way

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BUTLER COUNTY UNITED WAY ANNOUNCES FUNDING AWARDS

Butler County, OH – Butler County United Way is pleased to announce its funding decisions for the 2015-2016 funding cycle. Volunteers from various industries and communities in Butler County served on action councils where they invested their time and energy into reviewing this year's proposals for funding. Award decisions were based on the quality of the proposals and their alignment with Butler County United Way vision and mission. Over the next year, Butler County United Way will support 35 programs that will support one of the three major focuses of **education, income stability, and healthy lives**.

This year Butler County United Way has allocated over \$435,000 to 14 **educational** programs that serve children and adults. Organizations with funded programs include Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Butler County, Boys & Girls Club of Hamilton, Boys & Girls Club of West Chester/Liberty, Butler County Special Olympics, Butler County Every Child Succeeds, Butler County CASA, Girl Scouts of Western Ohio, The First Tee of Greater Miami Valley, Hamilton Living Water Ministry, LifeSpan, Inc., Shared Harvest Foodbank, Presbyterian Creative Center for Children, and YWCA of Hamilton.

In the **income/basic needs** category, Butler County United Way also was able to fund 14 programs with nearly \$300,000 in contributions. Partner agencies receiving funding for their programs were Hamilton Living Water Ministry, Hope House, LifeSpan, Inc., Lighthouse Food Pantry, People Working Cooperatively, Shared Harvest Foodbank, S.E.L.F., YWCA of Hamilton, Wesley Community Services, and Women Helping Women.

In excess of \$243,500 was awarded to Catholic Charities of Southwest Ohio, Cincinnati Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Envision Partnerships, Mercy Franciscan at St. Raphael, and Sojourner Recovery Services in support of their programs focusing on **healthy lives**.

As a special collaborative for Booker T. Washington Center, \$50,000 in funding was awarded to Great Miami Valley YMCA in supporting of their multiple programs supporting all three pillars of **education, income stability and healthy lives.**

The Butler County United Way is excited to invest over \$1,000,000 into the communities of Butler County. Through collaborative efforts with community volunteers and partner agencies, the collective impact of getting people in need the proper assistance to cause sustained social change is real. Thanks to those who LIVE UNITED by giving their time, money, and voice toward changing the lives of individuals and families, helping them to achieve their human potential.

Butler County United Way advances the common good. Our focus is on education, income and health – the building blocks for a good quality of life. We invite you to be part of the change by giving, advocating or volunteering. For additional information, contact Butler County United Way at (513) 863-0800 or visit www.bc-unitedway.org.

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