



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 2016-2017 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's vision and mission. Over the next year, Butler County United Way will support 31 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 \$377,460.00 to 12 **educational** programs that serve children and adults. Funded programs include:

After School/Summer Youth Programming - Boys & Girls Club of Hamilton

Back Pack Program - Shared Harvest Foodbank

Building Success – Hamilton Living Water Ministry

Butler County Every Child Succeeds – Every Child Succeeds

First Tee Life Skills – The First Tee of Greater Miami Valley

Leadership Development - Girl Scouts of Western Ohio

One-to-One Mentoring - Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Butler County

PARACHUTE: CASA - Butler County CASA

Project Learn - Boys & Girls Club of West Chester/Liberty

Project Success – Envision Partnerships

School-Based Social Services - LifeSpan, Inc.

Youth & Family Mediation - Envision Partnerships

In the **income stability/basic needs** category, Butler County United Way also was able to fund 12 programs with \$209,000 in contributions. Programs receiving funding were:

Build-Up Academy – S.E.L.F.
Dove House - YWCA
Emergency Shelter - Hope House Rescue Mission
Financial Stability - Lifespan
Food Pantry - Lighthouse Food Pantry
Foodbanking - Shared Harvest Foodbank
Goodman Place – YWCA
Hamilton Group Workcamp – S.E.L.F.
Home Repairs & Modification - People Working Cooperatively
IDA – S.E.L.F.
JOBS NOW! – S.E.L.F.
Supporting Success - Hamilton Living Water Ministry

An additional \$100,000 was awarded to 6 programs focusing on **healthy lives**. These programs included:

Butler County Rape Crisis - Women Helping Women
Girls, Inc. - YWCA
Perinatal Services - Sojourner Recovery Services
Project Independence - Wesley Community Services
Special Olympics - Butler County Special Olympics
Vision Rehabilitation Services - Cincinnati Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired

As a special collaborative for **Booker T. Washington Center**, \$31,000 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 \$717,460.00 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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