



Butler County United Way

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BUTLER COUNTY UNITED WAY ANNOUNCES 2017-18 FUNDING AWARDS

Butler County, OH – Butler County United Way is pleased to announce its funding decisions for the 2017-2018 funding cycle and is excited to invest nearly \$750,000 into communities throughout Butler County.

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 provide funding for 31 programs that will support one of the three major focuses of **education, financial stability, and healthy lives**.

This year Butler County United Way will allocate over \$318,000 to 10 **education** programs that serve children as well as adults. Funded programs include:

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

Afterschool Program – Axis Teen Center, EDGE Center

Back Pack Program - Shared Harvest Foodbank

Building Success – Hamilton Living Water Ministry

CASA Advocacy – A Voice for Abused Children – PARACHUTE: Butler County CASA

Leadership Experience - Girl Scouts of Western Ohio

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

Play and Learn Groups – 4C for Children

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

School-Based Support Services - LifeSpan, Inc.

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In the **financial stability/basic needs** category, Butler County United Way was able to fund 11 programs with \$185,000 in contributions. Programs receiving funding are:

Build-Up Academy – Supports to Encourage Low-income Families (S.E.L.F.)

Dove House – YWCA of Hamilton

Emergency Home Repair Program - People Working Cooperatively

Emergency Shelter - Hope House Rescue Mission, Inc.

Foodbanking/SNAP Outreach - Shared Harvest Foodbank

Goodman Place – YWCA of Hamilton

Individual Development Account Program (IDA) – S.E.L.F.

JOBS NOW! – S.E.L.F.

Neighborhood Service Center - Supporting Success - Hamilton Living Water Ministry, Inc.

Neighbors Who Care: Home Repair/Group Workcamps – S.E.L.F.

The Butler County Financial Stability Program – Lifespan, Inc.

An additional \$145,500 was awarded to 9 programs focusing on **healthy lives**. These programs included:

Butler County Rape Crisis Services - Women Helping Women

Girls, Inc. – YWCA of Hamilton

Independent Living Assistance - Wesley Community Services

Perinatal Services - Sojourner Recovery Services

Project Success – Envision Partnerships

Special Olympics - Butler County Special Olympics

Treehouse Children's Services – Cancer Family Care

Vision Rehabilitation Services - Cincinnati Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Youth and Family Mediation – Envision Partnerships

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A number of special collaborations were awarded over \$100,000 funding for the programs that they offered in support of their multiple programs supporting all three pillars of **education, financial stability and healthy lives**.

- **Booker T. Washington Community Center Collaborative** received \$35,000 in funding through the lead agency, Great Miami Valley YMCA.
- **Home Visitation Collaborative** received \$30,000 in funding through the lead agency, Every Child Succeeds.
- **Parent Project Collaborative** received \$35,964 in funding through the lead agency, Catholic Charities of SW Ohio.

Through collaborative efforts with community volunteers and neighboring United Way partner agencies, the sustained social change is real. And change will continue to build momentum with each community member joining together to make a difference. 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, financial stability and healthy lives – 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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