



Butler County United Way

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**BUTLER COUNTY UNITED WAY HOLDS
ANNUAL MEETING AND VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION**

Butler County, OH --

Butler County United Way held its Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition luncheon on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at the Courtyard Marriott Hamilton.

Mag Baker, President and CEO of Butler County United Way, recognized the outstanding volunteers from this past year and presented them with awards from InsideOut Studio, an initiative through the Butler County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Their program provides an opportunity for artists with disabilities to produce, market, and receive an income from their art, while gaining confidence in their abilities.

- The Spirit of Service Award was presented to Dave Yeager, Operations Manager at Jaco Waterproofing;
- The Spirit of Collaboration Award was given to the Workforce Development Collaborative, who, along with Butler County United Way, consists of Hamilton City Schools, Hamilton Community Foundation, Community First Solutions, and the City of Hamilton;
- The LIVE UNITED Partnership Award was presented to Cincinnati Financial; and
- The Volunteer of the Year award was presented to Pete Abner, Partner/Member of Kirsch CPA Group

“Our mission of connecting and mobilizing resources could not be accomplished without the exceptional support of our donors and volunteers,” said Mag Baker. “Our volunteers are passionate

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and hardworking individuals who choose to share their time and talents with us. We literally could not do what we do without them.”

In addition to the presentation of awards, a panel discussion was held on the topic of ALICE. ALICE is an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed and identifies that segment of our population that is just above the poverty line. These are hard working individuals, perhaps holding multiple jobs, but are still struggling to afford basic needs. For Butler County, 23% of the population is identified as an ALICE household and when combined with the additional 14% of the population who live within the poverty level, it equates to over 50,000 households...just in Butler County.

Megan Moore, Reporter for Local 12 News, moderated the panel discussion, which included Steve Hollon, President of Ohio United Way; Marc Bellisario, CEO of Primary Health Solutions; Scott Ellsworth, Principal and Owner of Scott Ellsworth Consulting; Suzanne Prescott, Director of Early Childhood Programs for Butler County Educational Service Center; and Tracy Sibbing, Vice President of Community Impact from United Way of the Greater Dayton Area.

“The ALICE report will be updated every two years to keep the statistics as relevant as possible,” commented Steve Hollon.

Additional information on ALICE may be found at www.ouw.org/ALICE.

Butler County United Way fights for the Health, Education, and Financial Stability of every person in every community. We win by LIVING UNITED...by forging unlikely partnerships...by finding new solutions to old problems...by mobilizing the best resources...and by inspiring individuals to join the fight against their community’s most daunting social crises. For additional information, contact Butler County United Way at (513) 863-0800 or visit www.bc-unitedway.org.

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