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## BUTLER COUNTY UNITED WAY AND HAMILTON POLICE DEPARTMENT COLLABORATE THROUGH COMMUNITY CONNECT

### Butler County, OH –

As a way to connect and mobilize resources, Butler County United Way continues to expand CommUnity Connect, a free, online volunteer portal to benefit the greater Butler County area. This time, they are collaborating with the Hamilton Police Department in an effort to further assist the homeless population.

Through CommUnity Connect, “Homeless Connect” was developed to aid the Hamilton Police force in better identifying the means available to meet the varying needs of Hamilton’s homeless citizens. Shelters, churches, and other organizations are encouraged to register under Homeless Connect to ensure that the appropriate resources are distributed in the most efficient manner.

CommUnity Connect requires a one-time registration and there is no charge. It provides a central location to match resources and needs in one, easily accessible, online site.

“We want to help anyone who finds themselves in a homeless situation locate a safe and stable place to stay”, said Hamilton Police Chief, Craig Bucheit. “There are many generous people in our community that want to help; however, we want to make sure that our officers have the tools available to recommend the most appropriate resource that will not only help people in the short term, but the long term as well. The Homeless Connect portal will provide the information that we need quickly and efficiently.”

Community members, agencies and organizations are encouraged to register for the site by visiting [www.bc-unitedway.org/volunteeropportunities](http://www.bc-unitedway.org/volunteeropportunities).

*Connecting and Mobilizing Resources to Improve Lives*

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“Butler County United Way has always recognized the impact that bringing resources together can have on a community,” stated Mag Baker, President and CEO of Butler County United Way. “We are excited to provide this tool to our local police force as a library of available services.”

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.

We invite you to join the fight by giving, advocating or volunteering. For additional information, contact Butler County United Way at (513) 863-0800 or visit [www.bc-unitedway.org](http://www.bc-unitedway.org).

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