



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 2017-18 Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition luncheon on December 5 at the Ronald Reagan Lodge at Voice of America Park.

Mag Baker, President and CEO of Butler County United Way, recognized six outstanding volunteers from this past year and presented them awards from InsideOut Studios, 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 **Karen Mueller**, Executive Vice President with HORAN, for her tireless work on behalf of Butler County United Way. As past Board of Trustees Chair, she served Butler County United Way with enthusiasm and a strong conviction to lead the organization in the right direction.

The **Spirit of Collaboration Award** was given to **Miami University** for their collaboration with Butler County United Way in developing the CommUnity Connect volunteer portal. This portal, available to anyone, provides an easy and convenient method to help those looking to volunteer, find those in need of volunteers. The award was accepted by Leigh Ackerman on behalf of Miami University.

The **LIVE UNITED Partnership Award** was presented to **Express Scripts** for their participation in both a workforce campaign, where they increased their campaign donations by nearly 100%, as well as

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volunteer events such as partnering with the American Red Cross to install smoke alarms in targeted areas of Fairfield. Erica Grayson and Jim Rundo accepted the award on behalf of Express Scripts.

**Junior Volunteer of the Year Award** was given to **Emily Callahan**, a Butler County United Way student intern from Miami University for her efforts in spearheading the launch of the Student United Way Chapter on Miami University Oxford's campus.

The **Building Block Award** was presented to **Katrinka Stone** for her efforts and the many ways she has supported and continues to support the monthly Building Block events hosted by Butler County United Way.

The **Volunteer of the Year Award** was presented to **Jeff Eberlein**, Partner/Brand Consultant with Brand It For Good, in acknowledgement of his continuous support as well as the sound, professional advice given to the staff of Butler County United Way.

In a friendly competition between the cities of Hamilton and Fairfield, the **City of Hamilton** was presented with the travelling '**Change War Trophy**' for raising the larger amount of coin throughout their various departments. Joshua Smith accepted the trophy on behalf of the City of Hamilton.

Following the volunteer awards portion of the meeting, Chuck Underwood, Founder/Principal of The Generational Imperative, Inc., provided the keynote address.

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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