



Butler County United Way

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BUTLER COUNTY UNITED WAY ANNOUNCES 2019-20 FUNDING AWARDS

Butler County, OH – Butler County United Way is pleased to announce its funding decisions for the 2019-2020 funding cycle and is excited to invest over **\$887,500.00** into communities throughout Butler County.

Volunteers from various industries and communities in Butler County served on impact committees 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 agencies and programs that will support one of the three major focuses of **education, financial stability, and healthy lives.**

This year Butler County United Way will directly allocate over **\$287,000** to **13 educational programs** that serve children as well as adults. Those funded include:

4C for Children, Ramp Up for Quality

Axis Teen Centers, Edge Teen Center, Academic Success

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

Boys & Girls Club of Hamilton, After School and Summer Youth Development

Boys & Girls Club of West Chester/Liberty, Power Hour

Mentoring Partners of Cincinnati, Relationships for Life

Envision Partnerships, Project Success

Girl Scouts of Western Ohio, Girl Scout Leadership Experience

Hamilton Living Water Ministry, Inc., Building Success - Children and Youth Programs

Lifespan, Inc., School Based Support Services

Oxford Literacy Team, Super Summer Readers

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

Shared Harvest Foodbank, Backpack Program

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In the **financial stability/basic needs** category, Butler County United Way was able to fund **9 programs** with just over **\$153,000** in contributions. Those receiving funding are:

American Red Cross Ohio River Valley, *Disaster Emergency Services and Preparedness Programs*

Hamilton Living Water Ministry, Inc., *Supporting Success*

Hope House Rescue Mission, Inc., *Emergency Shelter*

Lifespan, Inc., *The Butler County Financial Stability Program*

Oxford Community Choice Pantry, *Food Pantry*

Oxford Family Resource Center, *Emergency Assistance Funds*

SELF (Supports to Encourage Low-income Families), *Build-Up Academy*

Shared Harvest Foodbank, *Comprehensive Hunger Relief Program*

YWCA of Hamilton, *Dove House*

An additional **\$127,800** was awarded to **10 programs focusing on healthy lives**. Included are:

Butler County Special Olympics, *Butler County Special Olympics*

Catholic Charities of Southwest Ohio, *Comprehensive Behavioral Health Care*

Oxford Free Clinic, *Medications and Testing Program*

Oxford Senior Citizens, Inc., *Adult Day Services*

Oxford Senior Citizens, Inc., *Outreach Services*

Oxford Senior Citizens, Inc., *Recreation and Wellness*

Oxford Senior Citizens, Inc., *Senior and Medical Transportation*

Primary Health Solutions, *Access to Integrated Dental Care*

Sojourner Recovery Services, *Sojourner Recovery Services Perinatal Program*

Women Helping Women, *Butler County Rape Crisis and Prevention Services*

A number of special collaborations were awarded **\$90,000** in funding for their multiple programs supporting all three pillars of **education, financial stability and healthy lives**.

- **Booker T. Washington Community Center Collaboration** received **\$32,000** in funding through the lead agency, Great Miami Valley YMCA, as well as other partners including Boys & Girls Club of Hamilton, the City of Hamilton, The Fitton Center for Creative Arts, and Miami University Hamilton and Oxford Campuses.
- **Home Visitation Collaboration** received **\$30,000** in funding through the lead agency, Every Child Succeeds, along with partner agencies Butler County Educational Service Center and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.



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- **Parent Project Collaboration** received **\$28,000** in funding through the lead agency, Catholic Charities of Southwestern Ohio in collaboration with Butler County Family and Children First Council and Butler County Juvenile Justice Center/Juvenile Court. Other partner agencies include Fairfield City School District, Hamilton City School District, Madison Local School District, Middletown City Schools, Talawanda School District and Miami University.

In addition to the monetary awards given in support of these partner agency programs, Butler County United Way is also very proud of the fact that through their Building Block volunteer events that were consistently held throughout the year, an additional **\$857,000 in goods and services** were donated by community members, local agencies, organizations and companies. These goods were then redistributed in packages such as literacy, hygiene, and baby care kits, as well as community gardens, cooking classes, Christmas care packages, to name a few.

The total impact to Butler County residents **exceeded \$1.7 million** and can be contributed to the generosity of our community, a true testament to how everyone giving a little can have a huge impact on the lives of so many.

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.

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